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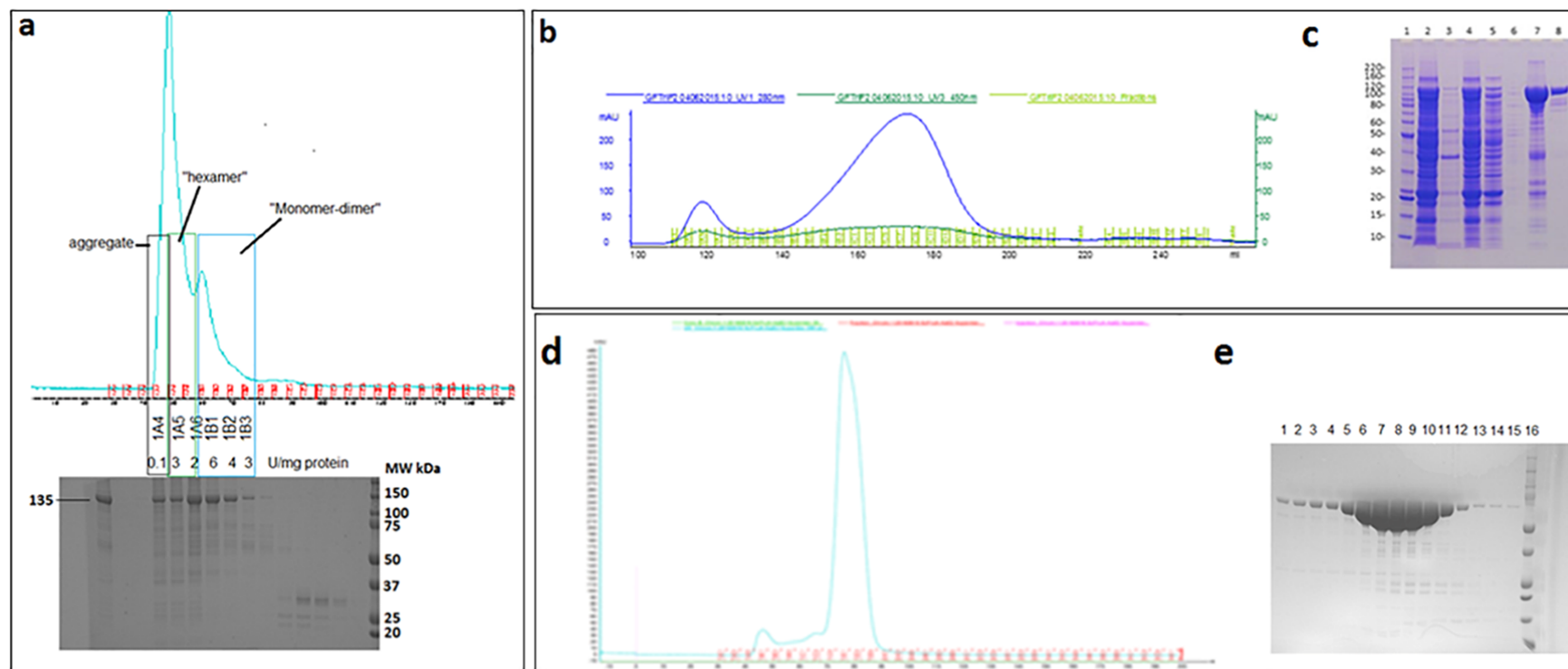
Supplementary Table 1. Biochemical characterization of the individual enzymes and multi-enzyme fusions used in this study.

	Optimal Reaction pH (pH range)	T_{50}^* (°C)	Oligomeric Structure	k_{cat}/K_M ($s^{-1} M^{-1}$)	Reference
Glycerol phosphorylation					
GlpK _{TK}	8.0 (6.5-9.5)	> 100	Monomer	6.1×10^7	²⁷ ; This study
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS}		58	Dimer	7.7×10^7	This study
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS} -Est2 _{Aa}		59	monomer/hexamer	8.6×10^7	This study
Acetate dephosphorylation (ADP phosphorylation)					
AceK _{MS}	7.4 (6.0-8.5)	52	homodimer	2.8×10^6	²⁸ ; This study
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS}		50	Dimer	5.4×10^5	This study
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS} -Est2 _{Aa}		63	monomer/hexamer	9.1×10^5	This study
Glycerol-3-phosphate oxidation					
G3PD _{EC}	9.0 (8.0-9.5)	51	monomer	1.4×10^6	¹⁸ ; This study
G3PD _{EC} -NOX _{Ca}		37	Dimer	1.8×10^4	This study
G3PD _{EC} -NOX _{Ca} -Est2 _{Aa}		45	Dimer	1.1×10^4	This study
Oxygen reduction (NADH oxidation)					
Nox _{Ca}	7.0 (7.0-9.0)	37	homodimer	4.9×10^6	²⁹ ; This study
G3PD _{EC} -NOX _{Ca}		37	dimer	6.2×10^6	This study
G3PD _{EC} -NOX _{Ca} -Est2 _{Aa}		37	dimer	4.6×10^6	This study
Aldol addition					
FruA _{Sc}	6.5-9.0	> 95	monomer	3.2×10^4	³⁰
FruA _{Sc} -Est2 _{Aa}		81	monomer	1.3×10^5	This study
Esterase¹					
Est2 _{Aa}	7.1 (5.5-8.0)	80	monomer	8.3×10^5	³¹ ; This study

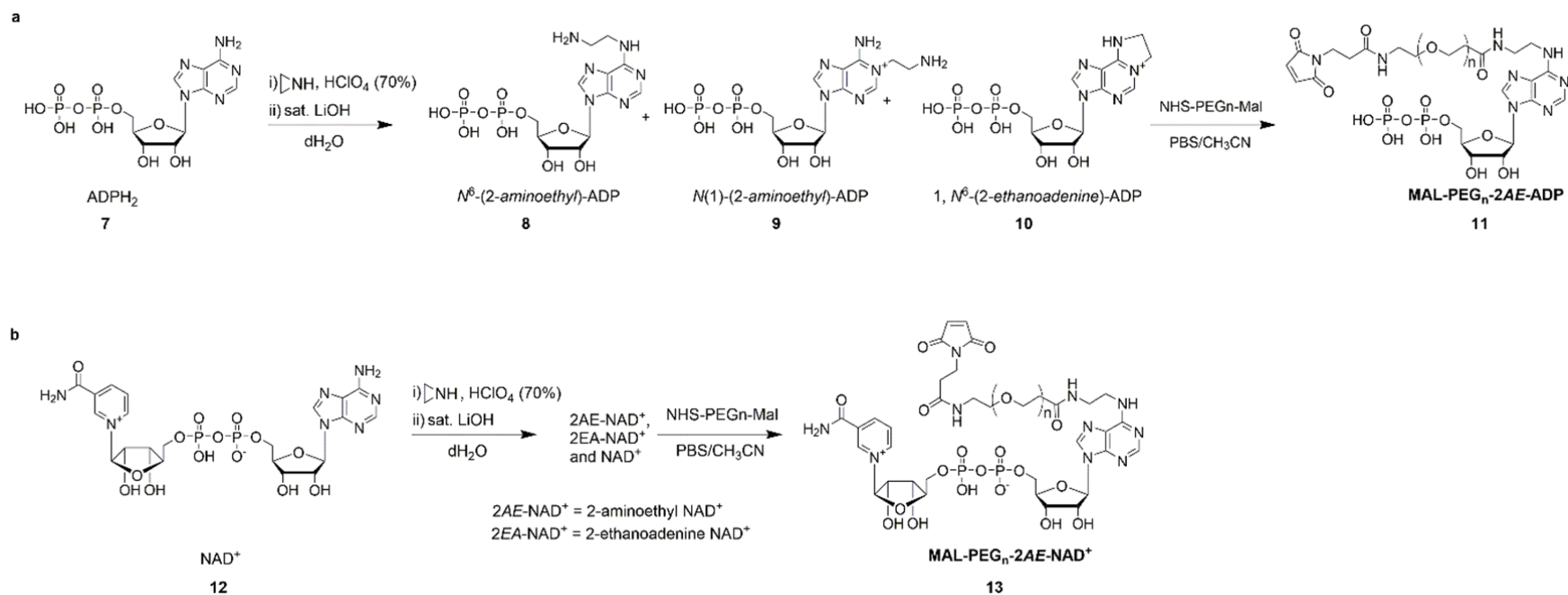
* T_{50} the temperature at which, after 30 min of incubation, 50% of the initial enzyme activity remains. The T_{50} values are the averages of at least three independent assays. Standard deviations were below 1.0 °C in all cases. pH optima did not vary between individual and fusion enzymes.

47 **Supplementary Table 2. Expression vectors and conditions used.**

Enzyme	Plasmid	Expression Vector	Cloning sites	GenBank Accession Number	Host Cells	Induction Conditions
Phosphotransfer						
GlpK _{TK}	pCJH1	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Eco</i> RI	MK910748	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 37°C, 18h
AceK _{MS}	pCJH2	pDEST17	Gateway	MK910749	<i>E.coli</i> BL21AI	20mM arabinose 15°C, 18h
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS}	pCJH3	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910750	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 37°C, 18h
GlpK _{TK} -AceK _{MS} -Est2 _{Aa}	pCJH4	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910751	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 37°C, 18h
Oxidation						
G3PD _{Ec}	pCJH5	pDEST17 (Invitrogen)	Gateway	MK910752	<i>E.coli</i> BL21AI	20mM arabinose 25°C, 18h
NOX _{Ca}	pCJH6	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Eco</i> RI	MK910753	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 37°C, 18h
G3PD _{Ec} -NOX _{Ca}	pCJH7	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910754	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 25°C, 18h
G3PD _{Ec} -NOX _{Ca} -Est2 _{Aa}	pCJH8	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910755	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 25°C, 18h
Aldol addition						
FruA _{Sc}	pAF1	pRSET-A	<i>Xho</i> I - <i>Nco</i> I	Q07159	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3	1mM IPTG; 15°C, 18h
FruA _{Sc} -Est2 _{Aa}	pCJH9	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910756	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 15°C, 18h
Conjugation						
Est2 _{Aa}	pCJH10	pETCC2	<i>Nde</i> I - <i>Bam</i> HI	MK910757	<i>E.coli</i> BL21DE3 Star	1mM IPTG; 37°C, 18h



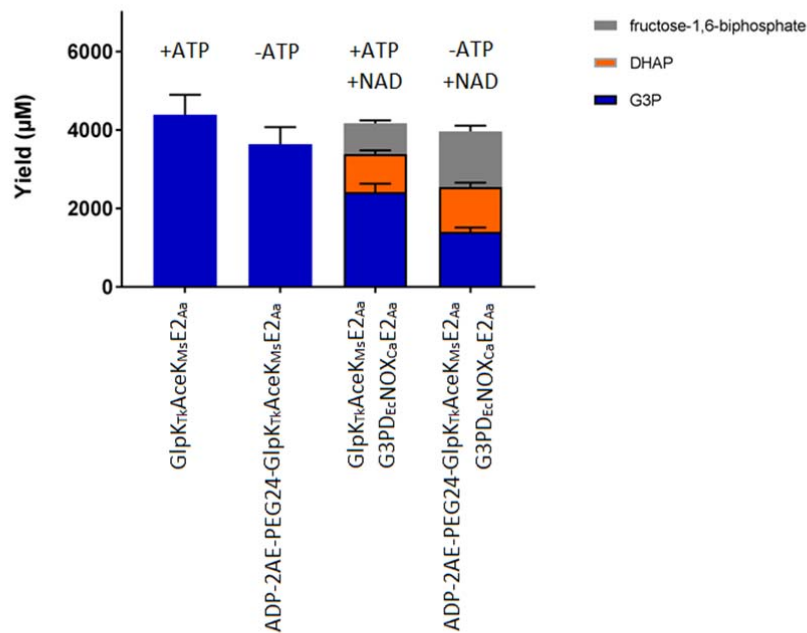
Supplementary Figure 1. Expression and purification of fusion proteins. **a**, Size exclusion fractionation of HIS-tag purified recombinant GlpK_{TK}-AceK_{MS}-E2_{Aa} multi-enzyme fusion protein was used to estimate oligomeric state and associated specific activity after induction with 1 mM IPTG at 15 °C for 24 h. **b**, Size exclusion fractionation of HIS-tag purified recombinant G3PD_{Ec}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa}. Fractions from 158 – 192 mL were pooled to avoid higher MW aggregate. **c**, SDS-PAGE analysis of G3PD_{Ec}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa} purification. Lane 1 BenchmarkTM protein molecular weight standard (Invitrogen), Lane 2 whole cells, Lane 3 pellet after centrifugation of lysate, Lane 4 lysate, Lane 5 HisTrap unbound, Lane 6 40 mM imidazole wash, Lane 7 300 mM imidazole elution, Lane 8 gel filtration pool. **d**, Size exclusion fractionation profile of HIS-tag purified recombinant FruA_{Sc}-Est2_{Aa}. **e**, SDS-PAGE analysis of FruA_{Sc}-Est2_{Aa} purification. Lane 1 Fraction 1B1, Lanes 2-15 fractions 1C1 to 2A3, Lane 16 DualTM Protein molecular weight standard (NEB).



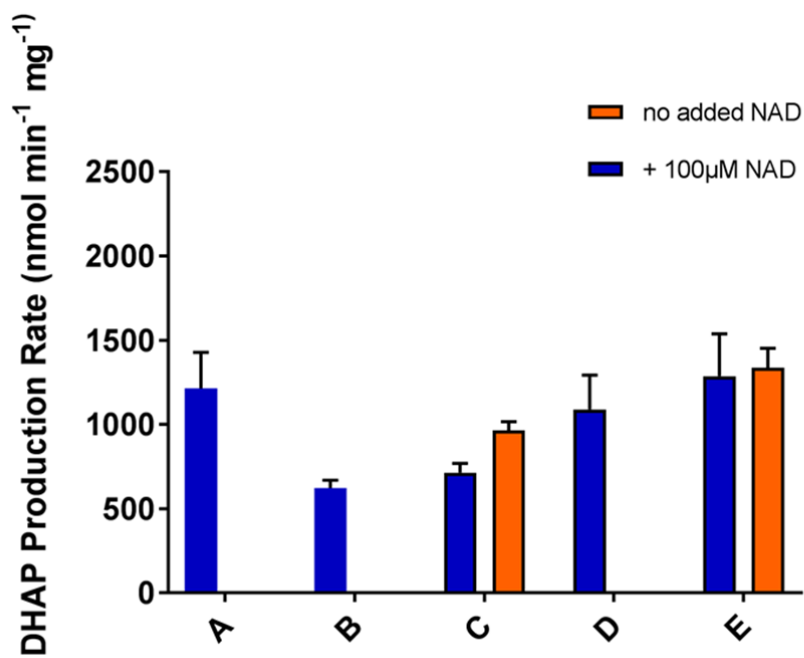
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58 **Supplementary Figure 2. Synthesis of modified cofactors for tethering to fusion proteins. a**, Scheme for synthesis of MAL-PEG_n-2AE-ADP (11) from ADP (7).
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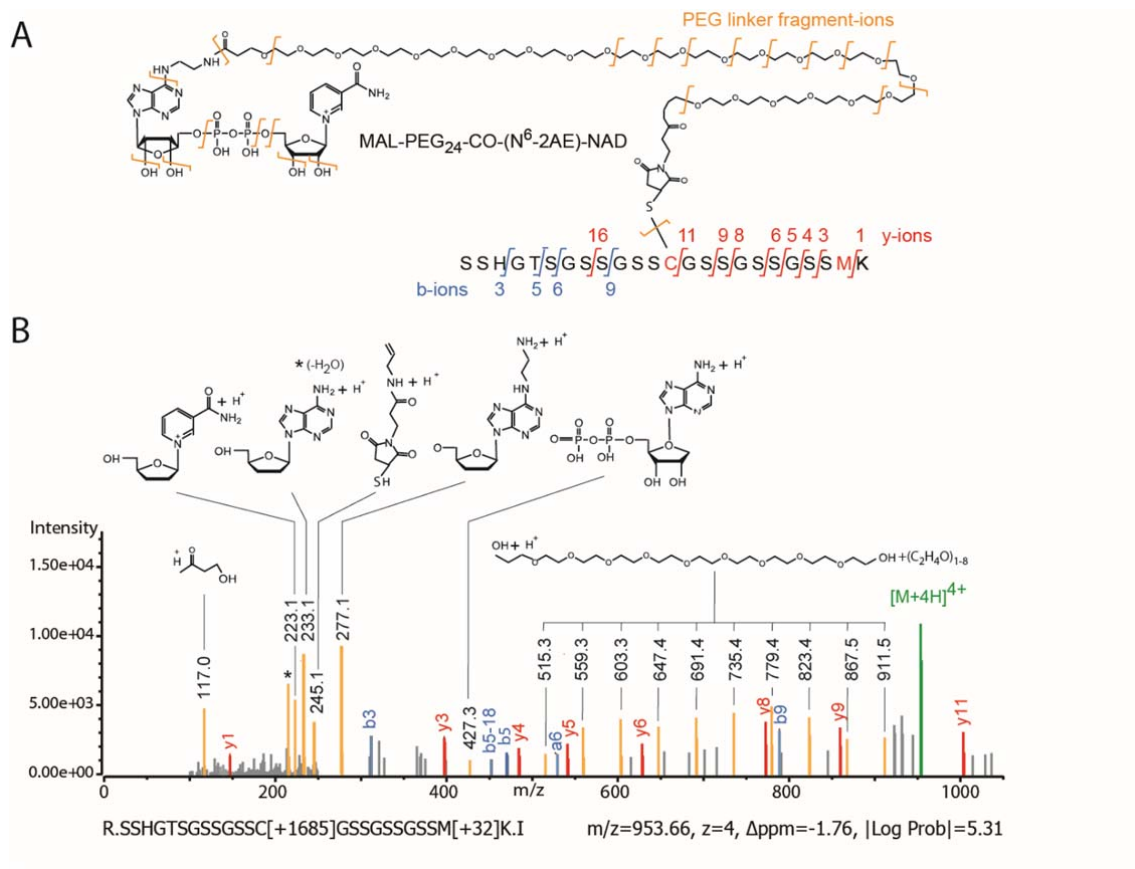
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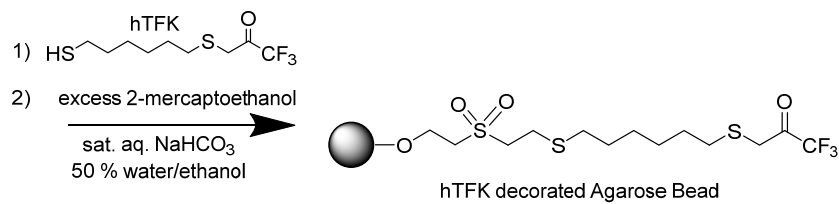
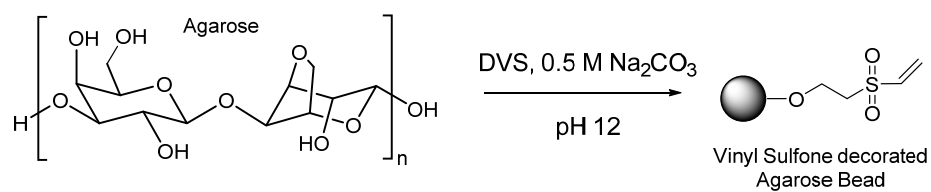
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Supplementary Figure 3. Functional tethering of modified cofactors MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-ADP (a) and MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ (b) to fusion proteins. **a**, Glycerolkinase activity with and without the addition of 100 μ M ATP catalyzed by either 2AE-ADP-PEG₂₄-MAL-GlpK_{TK}-AceK_{MS}-E2_{Aa} or by GlpK_{TK}-AceK_{MS}-E2_{Aa} was then coupled with glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase activity (G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-E2_{Aa}) and aldolase activity (FruA_{Sc} with glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate as added donor substrate) to demonstrate the production of fructose-1,6-biphosphate from 10 mM glycerol using 2AE-ADP-PEG₂₄-MAL-GlpK_{TK}-AceK_{MS}-E2_{Aa}. A scheme of the three step reaction involved is illustrated beneath the graph. **b**, Glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase activity (DHAP production rate) using 10 mM glycerol-3-phosphate with and without the addition of 100 μ M NAD⁺ catalyzed by 2AE-NAD⁺-PEG₂₄-MAL-G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-E2_{Aa} created under different reducing and tethering conditions: untethered control G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-E2_{Aa} (A), 1 mM TCEP and 1 equivalent MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ (B), 0.1 mM TCEP and 1 equivalent MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ (C), no TCEP and 1 equivalent MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ (D), 1 mM TCEP and 5 equivalent MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ (E). All reactions were conducted for 30 minutes at 37 °C, and products analysed by LCMS as described in analytical methods. Error bars indicate standard deviations from at least three independent experiments.



Supplementary Figure 4: Confirmation of functional Mal-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ linkage to G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa} residue Cys369. **a**, Cartoon of the chemical structure of MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ conjugated to G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa} residue Cys369 of tryptic peptide SSHGTSGSSGSSCGSSGSSGSSMK highlighting different MSMS fragment ions (peptide b-ions, blue; peptide y-ions, MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ CID ions, gold). **b**, Annotated LC-MSMS evidence spectrum for a high-scoring R.SSHGTSGSSGSSC[+1685]GSSGSSGSSM[+32]K.I peptide highlighting peptide b- and y-ions (blue, red) as well as the observed masses and chemical structures of matching MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ fragments. The observed +1685Da mass modification and fragmentation pattern is consistent with G3PD_{EC}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa} Cys396 being tethered to a functional MAL-PEG₂₄-2AE-NAD⁺ linker.



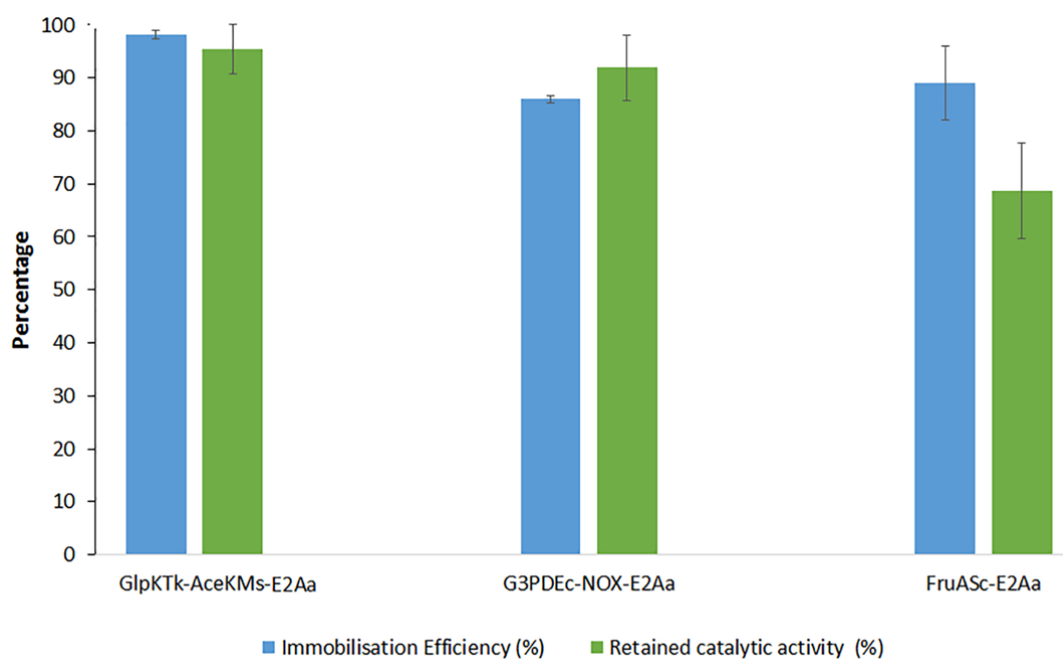
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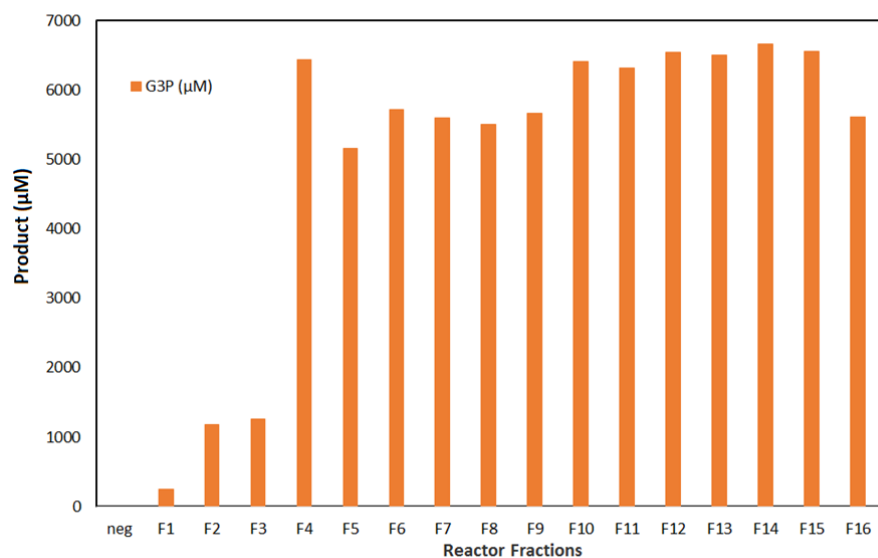
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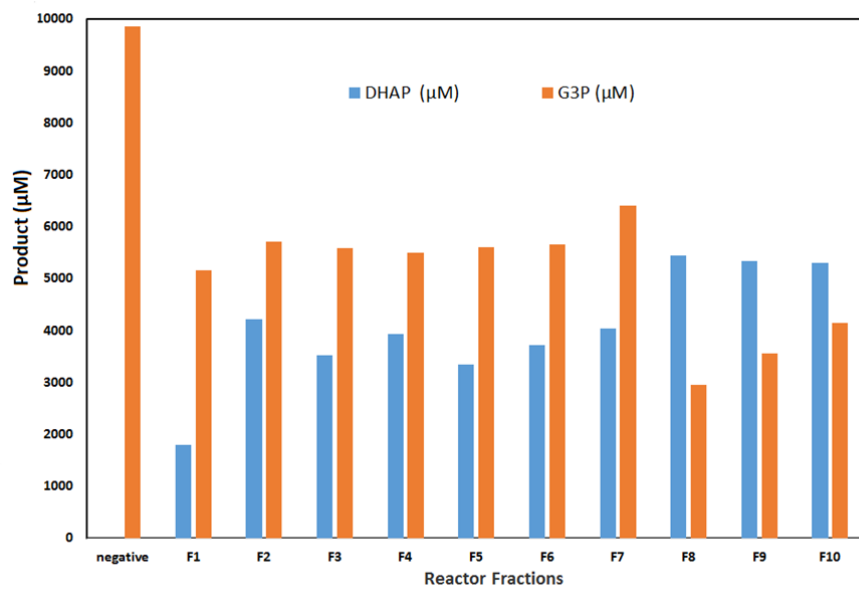
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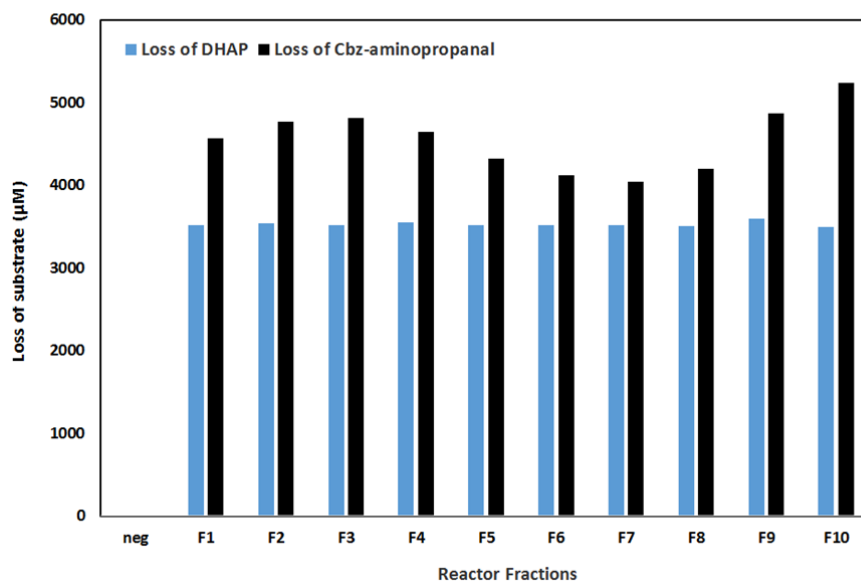
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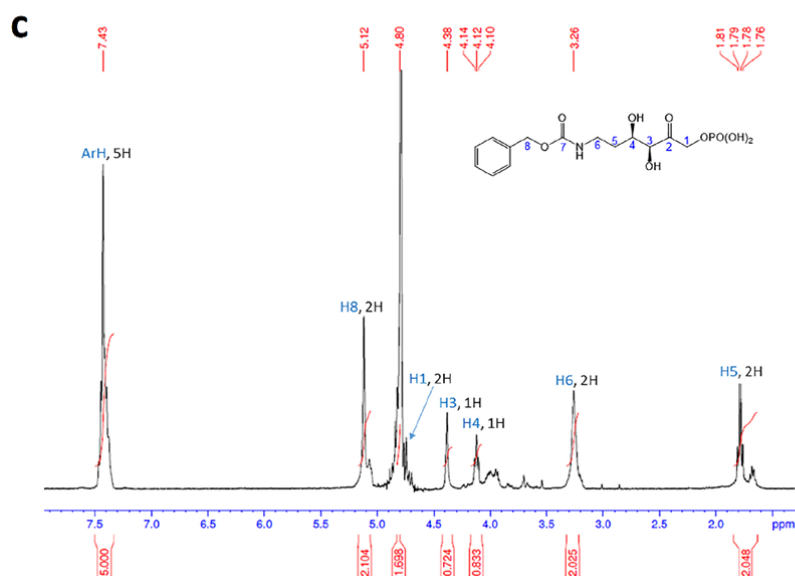
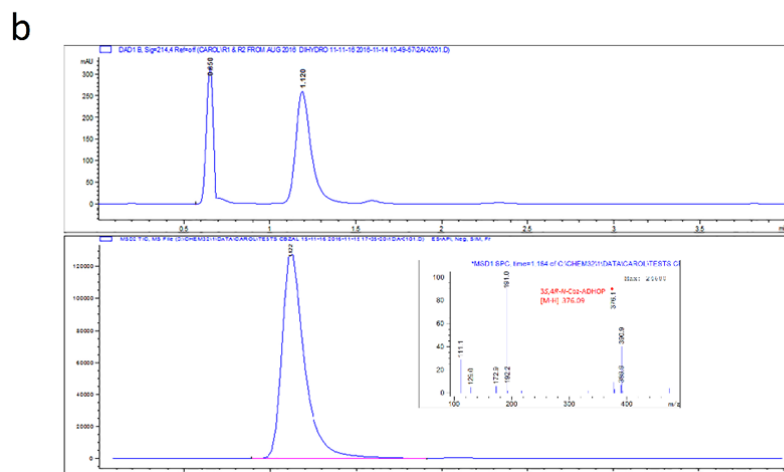
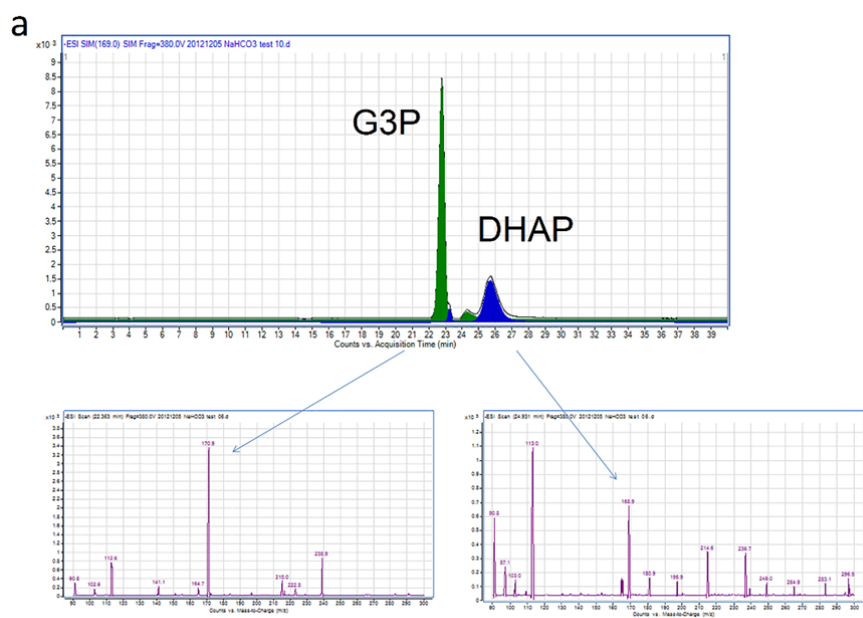
b Oxidation reactor



c Aldol Addition Reactor



Supplementary Figure 7. Assembly and testing of each of the reactors used. **a**, Phosphotransfer Reactor: Conversion of glycerol and acetyl phosphate (10 mM each) to G3P and acetate by immobilized GlpK_{Tk}-ATP_{teth}-AceK_{Ms}-Est2_{Aa} in a packed bed reactor column (1.5 cm id, 12 cm) run at a flow rate of 0.25 mL min⁻¹, as determined by LCMS analysis of 5 mL fractions. **b**, Oxidation reactor: conversion of G3P to DHAP in a flow reactor. The immobilized G3PD_{Ec}-NAD_{teth}-NOX_{Ca}-Est2_{Aa} beads were used to prepare a packed bed reactor column (1.5 cm id x 16.5 cm). 10 mM G3P pH 8 was passed through the column at a flow rate of 0.25 mL min⁻¹ and the amount of G3P remaining and DHAP produced determined by LCMS for 5 mL fractions F1 to F10. **c**, Aldol addition reactor with Fru_{Sc}-E2_{Aa}: conversion of Cbz-aldehyde and DHAP into *N*-Cbz-3S,4R-ADHOP in a flow reactor. The immobilized Fru_{Sc}-E2_{Aa} beads prepared in the presence of 10 μM TCEP were used to prepare a packed bed reactor column (1.5 cm id x 16.5 cm). 5 mM *N*-Cbz-3-aminopropanal and DHAP in 50 mM citrate buffer pH 7 was passed through the column at a flow rate of 0.1 mL min⁻¹ and the amount of DHAP and *N*-Cbz-3-aminopropanal remaining quantified by LCMS for 5 mL fractions F1 to F10.



Supplementary Figure 8. HPLC and HPLC-MS traces and spectra for all components quantified to measure the conversion of glycerol and aldehydes into chiral aldol products. **a**, HPLC separation and mass spectrometry identification of glycerol-3-phosphate (G3P) and dihydroxy acetone phosphate (DHAP). The dominant selected ions identified here (m/z 171⁺ for G3P and m/z 169⁺ for DHAP) were then used for SIM analyzes of subsequent reactions. **b**, HPLC separation of *N*-Cbz-3-aminopropanal and *N*-Cbz-3*S*,4*R*-ADHOP showing absorbance A_{214nm} (upper panel) and mass spectrometry identification of *N*-Cbz-3*S*,4*R*-ADHOP (inset). **c**, the authenticity of *N*-Cbz-3*S*,4*R*-amino-3,4-dihydroxy-2-oxyhexyl phosphate (*N*-Cbz-3*S*,4*R*-ADHOP) produced was confirmed by ¹H-NMR analysis of *N*-Cbz-3*S*,4*R*-ADHOP prepared by reaction of commercially available *N*-Cbz-3-aminopropanal and DHAP catalysed by FruA, and isolated by HPLC.