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Resistance-gene-directed discovery of a natural-product herbicide with a new mode of action

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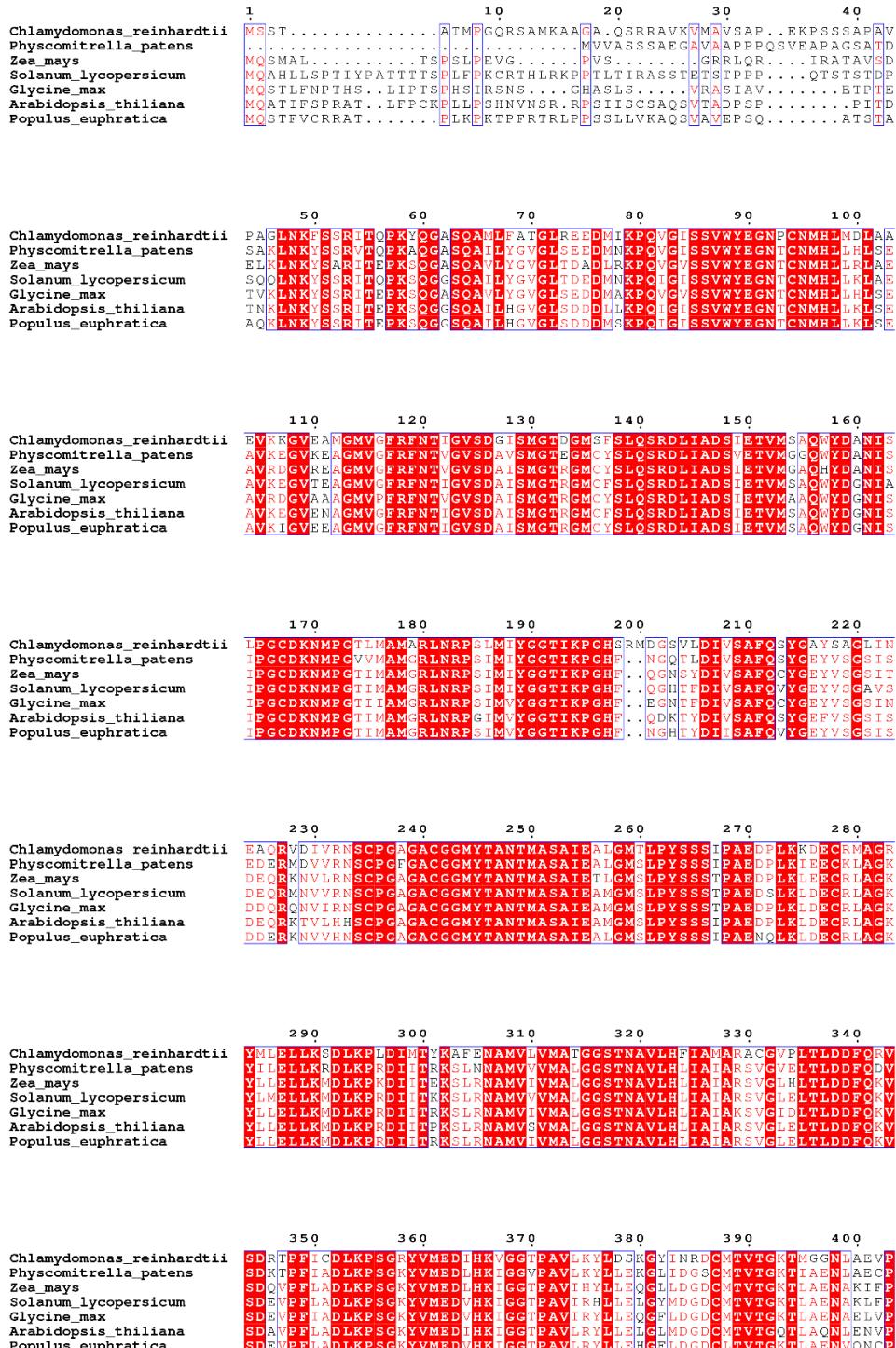
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Supplementary Figure 1. Alignment of amino acid sequences of DHADs from different plant species. The identities of DHAD sequences among flowering plant are ~80%. The lack of identity at the *N*-terminal of these DHAD results from the differences in chloroplast localization signals from different species.



	410	420	430	440	450	460
Chlamydomonas_reinhardtii						
Physcomitrella_patens						
Zea_mays						
Solanum_lycopersicum						
Glycine_max						
Arabidopsis_thaliana						
Populus_euphratica						
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Physcomitrella_patens						
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Glycine_max						
Arabidopsis_thaliana						
Populus_euphratica						
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Supplementary Figure 2. Alignment of amino acid sequences of AstD and housekeeping DHAD from different strains.



	480	490	500	510	520	530
DHAD_A.terreus	Y	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	S	A	I	MGRGLGGS
DHAD_P.brasiliannum	Y	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	S	A	I	MGRGLGGS
DHAD_A.fischeri	Y	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	S	A	I	MGRGLGGS
AstD_A.terreus	Y	E	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	A	I	MGRGLGQDV
AstD_A.fischeri	Y	E	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	A	I	MGRGLGQDV
AstD_P.brasiliannum	Y	E	GPKGGPGNPEMLKPS	A	I	MGRGLGQDV

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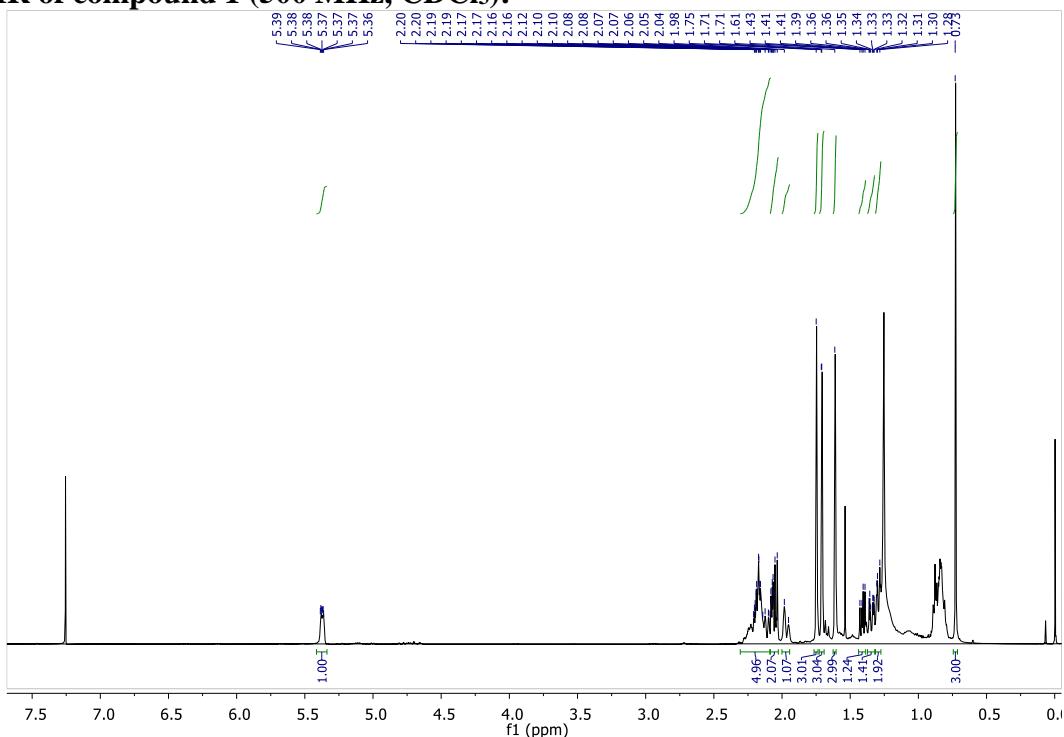
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DHAD_P.brasiliannum	L	V	R	D	C	D
DHAD_A.fischeri	L	V	R	D	C	D
AstD_A.terreus	L	A	D	G	D	R
AstD_A.fischeri	L	A	D	G	D	R
AstD_P.brasiliannum	L	A	D	G	D	R

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VDGCDVTTIDADNRVIDLDVPESSELAEERKQWEAKAGKLPEGLTMGTLGKYARNV
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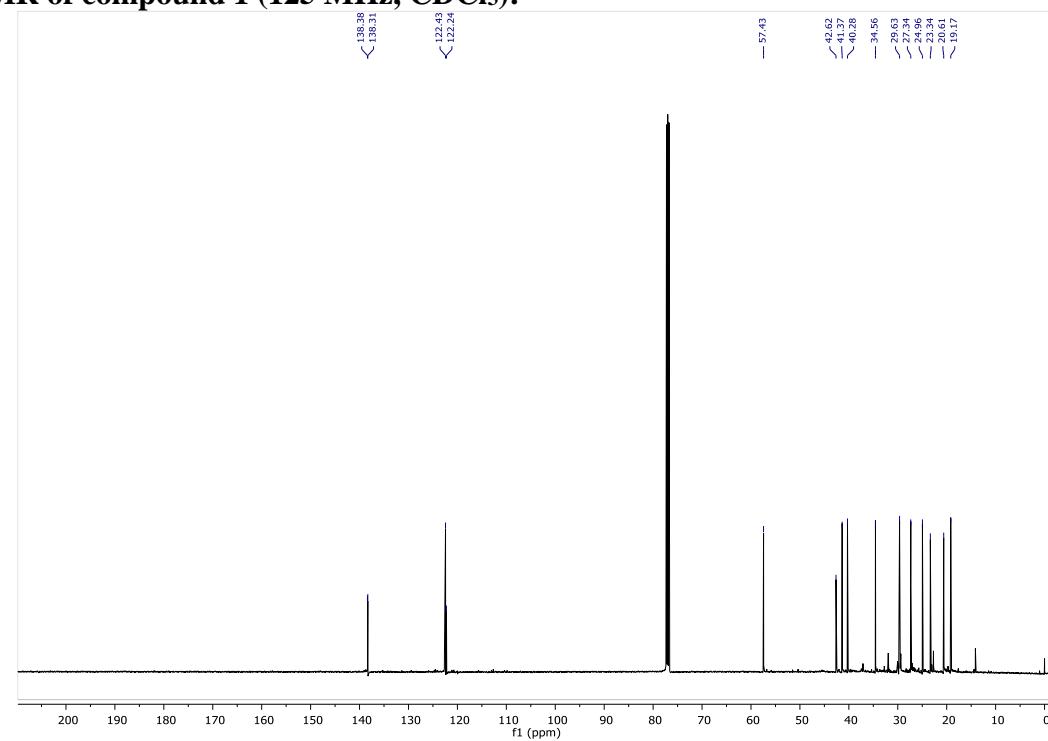
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DHAD_P.brasiliannum	K	DASQGCI	TD	ALE
DHAD_A.fischeri	S	DASHGCV	TD	GPL
AstD_A.terreus	S	DASHGCV	TD	GPI
AstD_A.fischeri	S	DASHGCV	TD	GPI
AstD_P.brasiliannum	S	DASHGCV	TD	GPI

Supplementary Figure 3. NMR analyses of the compounds in this study. The experiments were repeated independently for 3 times with similar results.

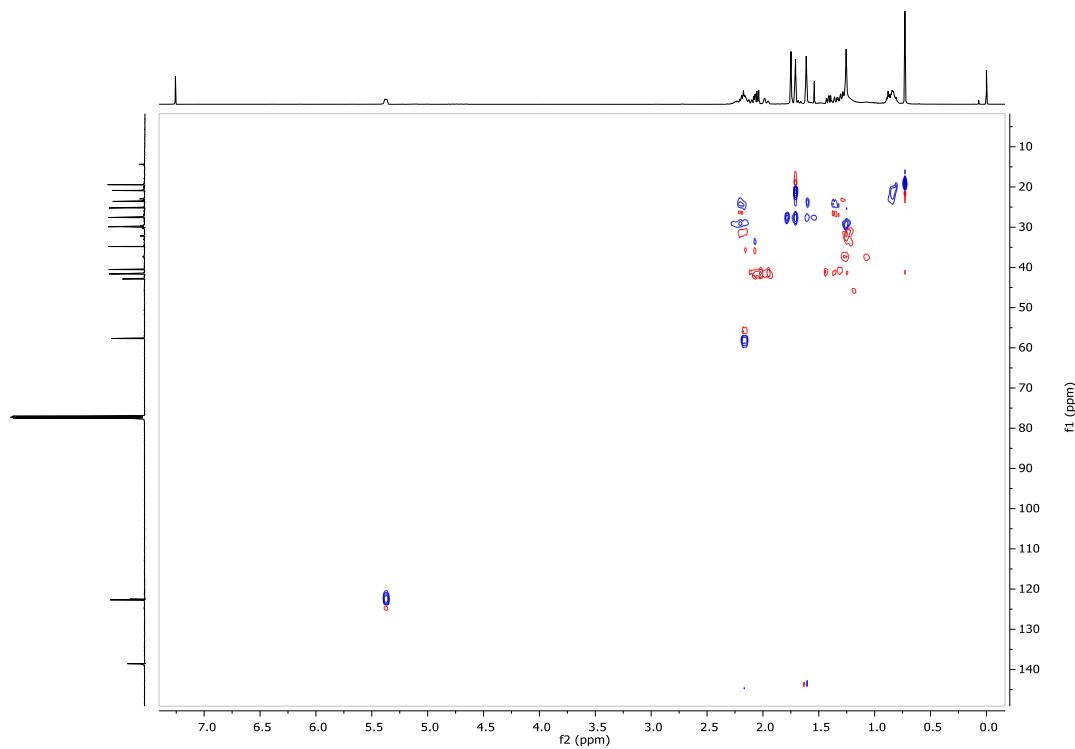
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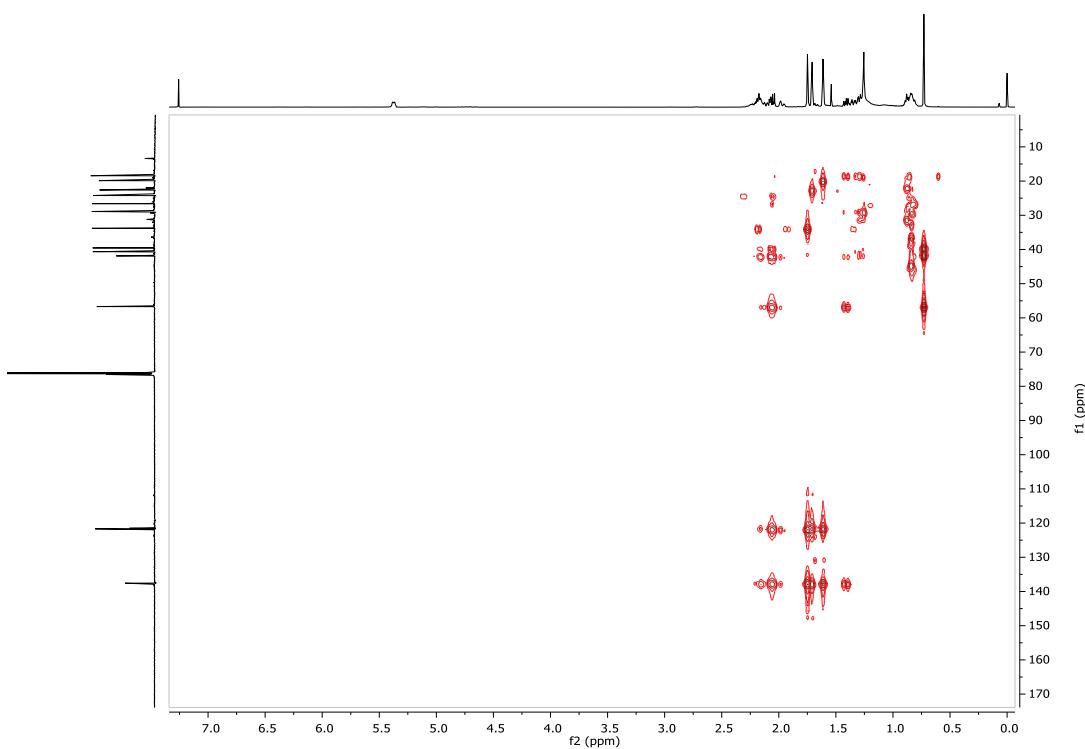
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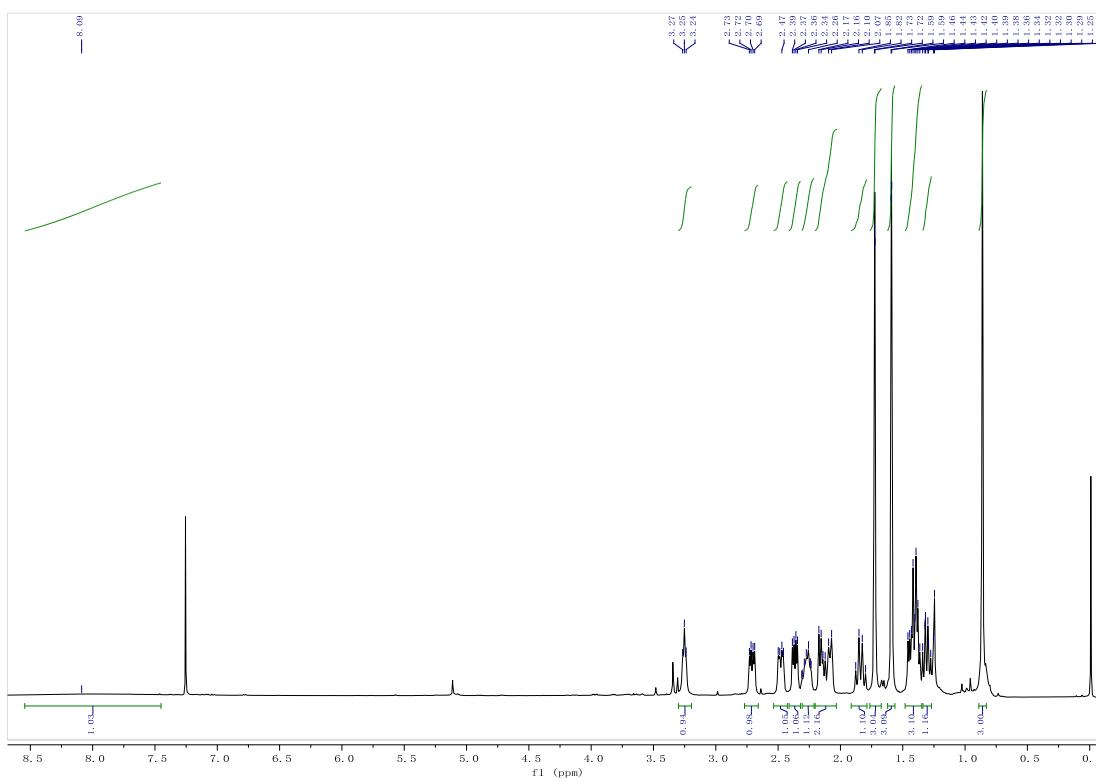
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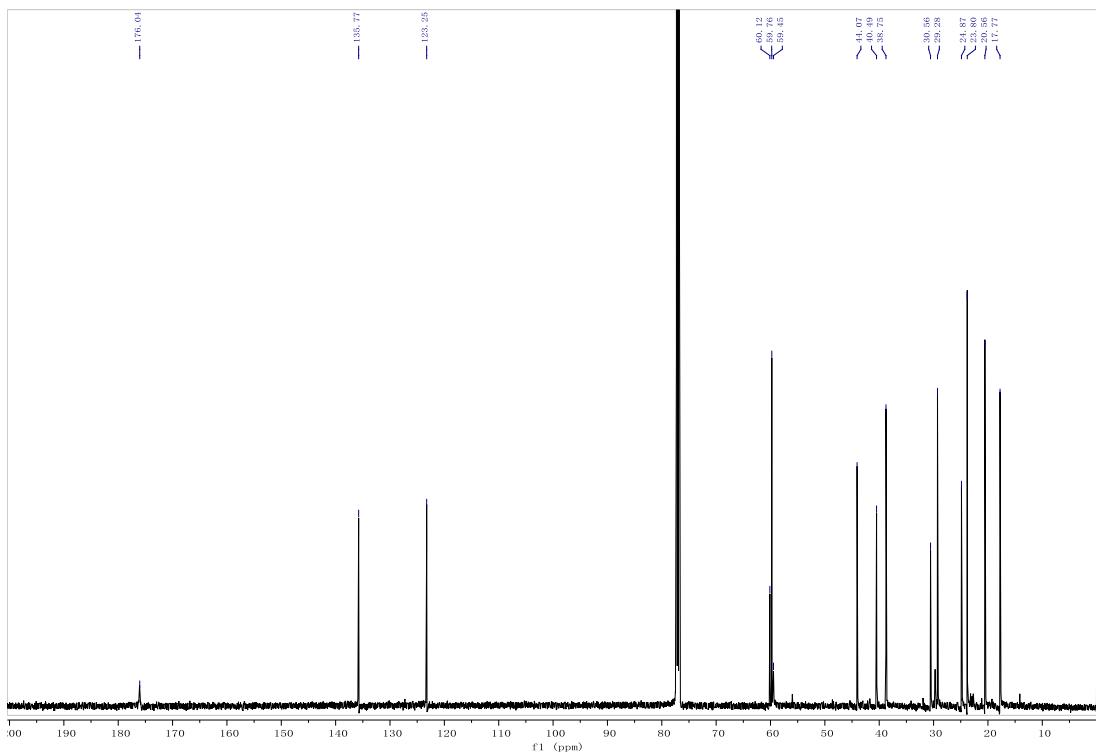
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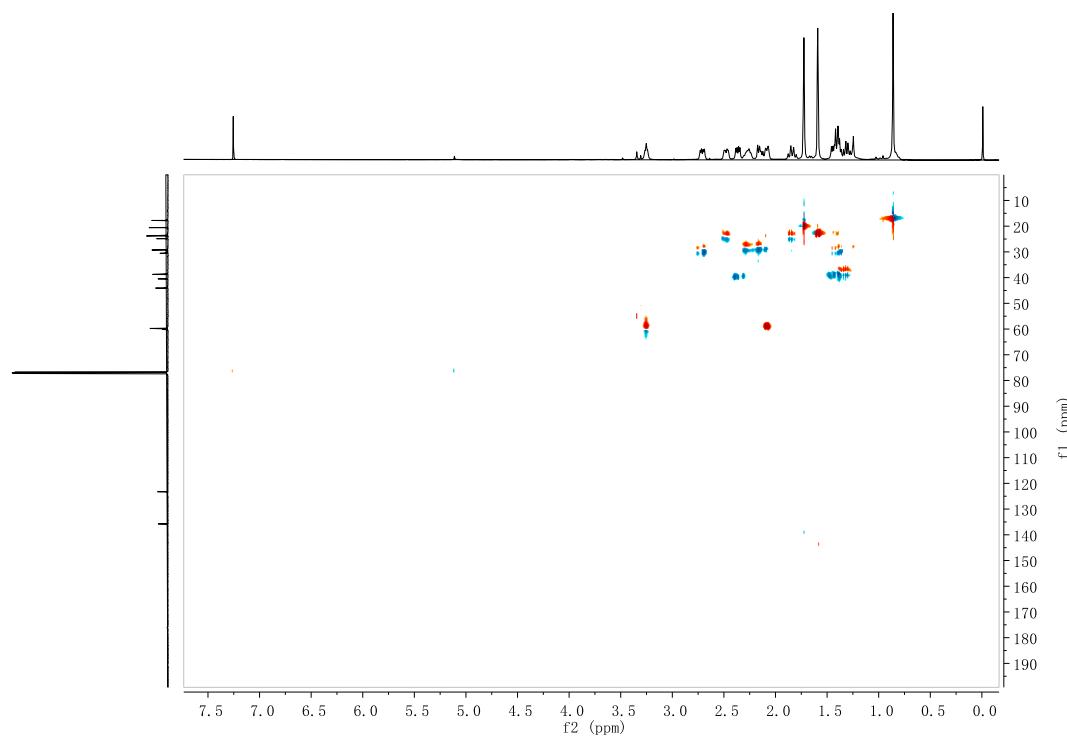
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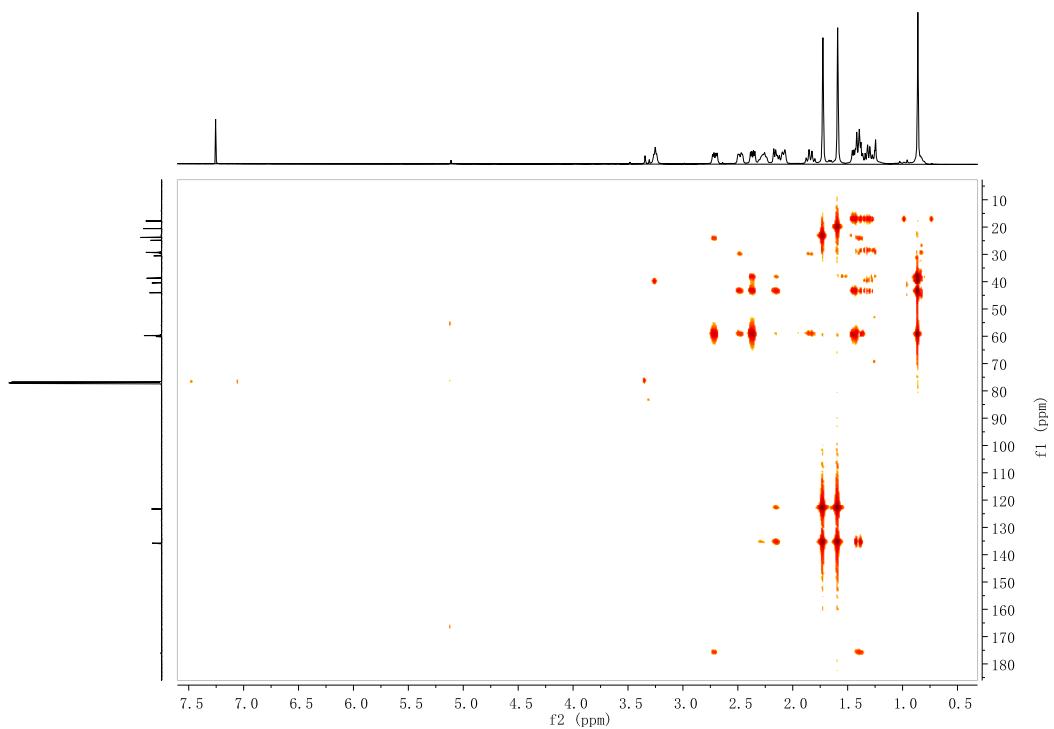
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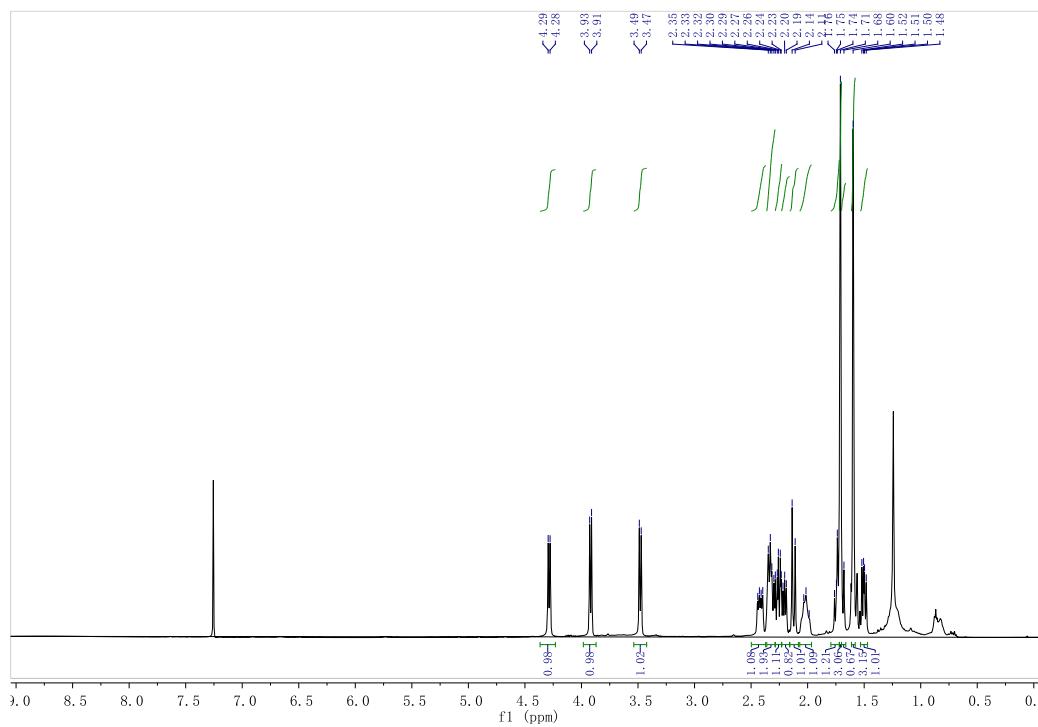
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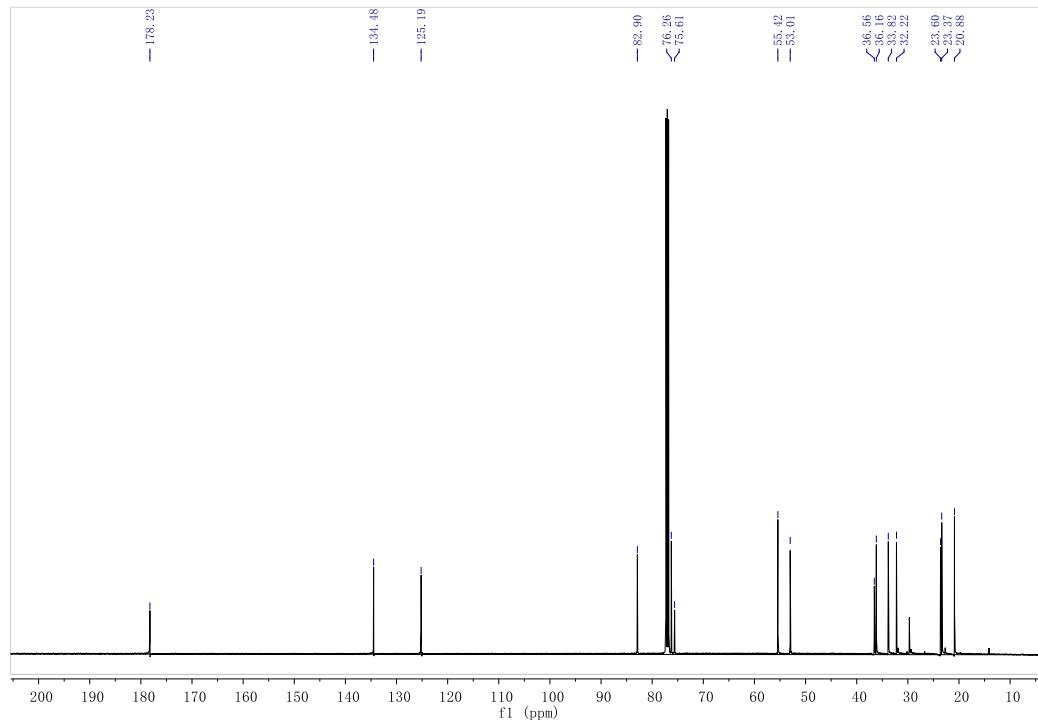
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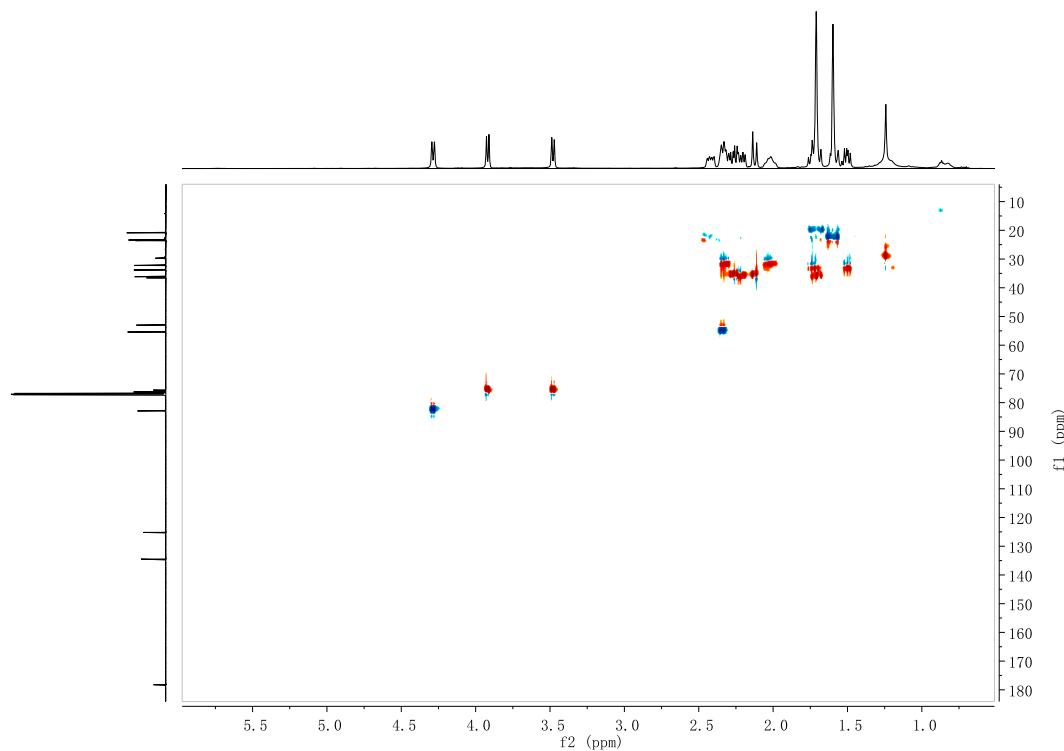
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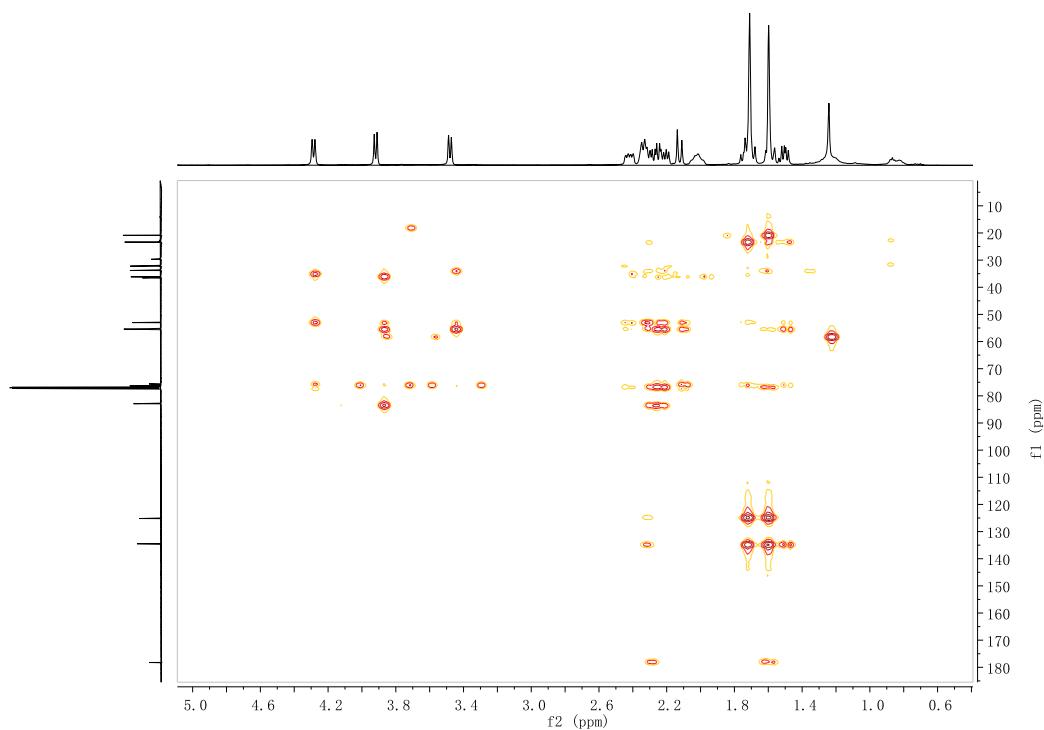
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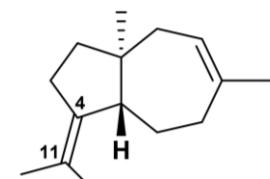
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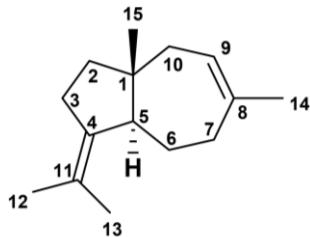


Supplementary Figure 4. EI-MS of compound 1 by GC-MS analysis. The structure of compound **1** (top right) and its known enantiomer (+)-Dauca-4(11),8-diene (top left). The EI-MS of compound **1** (bottom). The EI-MS spectrum of (+)-Dauca-4(11),8-diene is reported as m/z (rel.int): 204 [M]⁺ (22), 189 [M-Me]⁺ (2), 161 (18), 148 (3), 136 (100), 133 (10), 121 (60), 119 (10), 107 (17), 105 (15), 93 (19), 91 (18), 79 (12), 77 (11), 55 (10), 41 (22). The EI-MS of both compound **1** and (+)-Dauca-4(11),8-diene are identical¹. The experiment was repeated independently with similar results for 7 times.



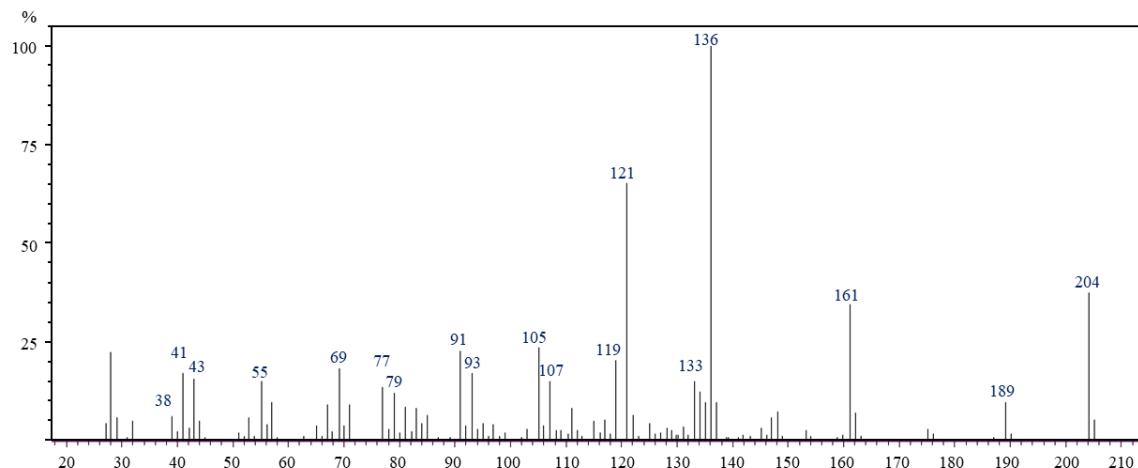
(+)-dauca-4(11),8-diene

$$[\alpha]_D^{22} > +40^\circ \text{ (n-hexane; } c < 0.1\text{)}$$

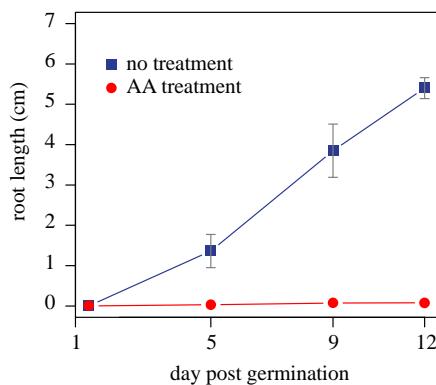


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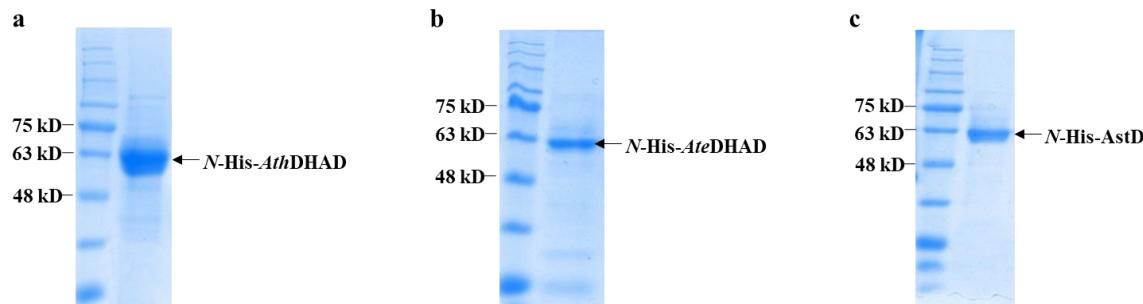
$$[\alpha]_D^{22} = -30^\circ \text{ (n-hexane; } c = 0.1\text{)}$$



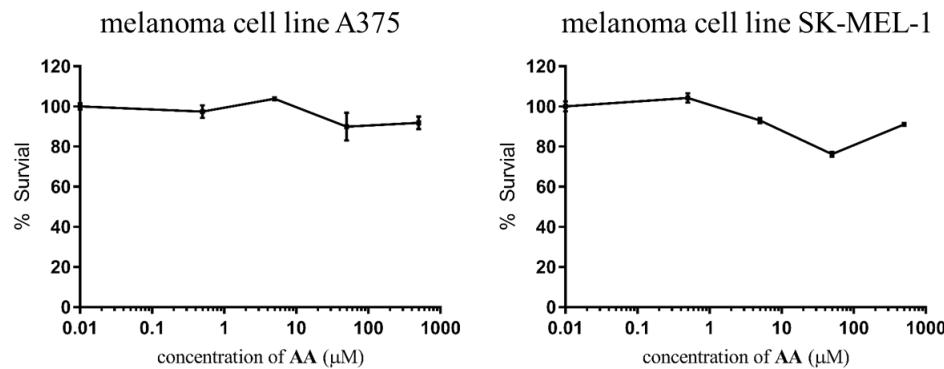
Supplementary Figure 5. Root length of aspteric acid treated *Arabidopsis*. Wild type *A. thaliana* was grown on MS media with and without 250 µM aspteric acid (AA). The lengths of roots were measured at four different time points after seed germination. The plot shows mean values ± s.d. (error bars); n=18 biologically independent samples.



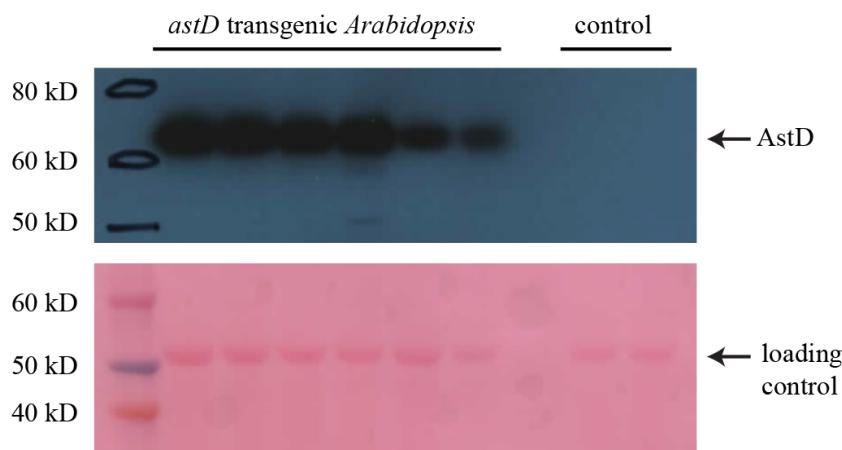
Supplementary Figure 6. SDS-PAGE analysis of purified proteins. SDS-PAGE analysis of purified *AthDHAD* (a), *AteDHAD* (b) and *AstD* (c) from *E. coli* BL21 (DE3). The experiments were repeated independently with similar results for 5 times.



Supplementary Figure 7. Cytotoxicity assay of aspteric acid. Percent growth inhibition of melanoma cell line A375 (left) and SK-MEL-1 (right) indicate aspteric acid (AA) has no significant cytotoxicity. Treatments of AA was initiated at 24 h postseeding for 72 h, cell viability was measured by CellTiter-GLO Luminescence (Promega) following the manufacturer's recommendations. Results are representative data in duplicate from three independent experiments (center values are averages, errors bars are s.d., n = 5 biologically independent experiments, error bars were determined from independent biological replicates).



Supplementary Figure 8. Verification of AstD expression in *A. thaliana* using western blot. Western blot verification of AstD expression in *A. thaliana* using anti-FLAG antibody (top); Ponceau staining shows equal loading (bottom). Six independent T1 transgenic plants (lane 1 to 6) and two wild-type plants (lane 8, and 9) were assayed. Lane 7 does not contain any sample. The experiment was not repeated.



Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Proposed functions of genes within the *ast* cluster in *A. terreus*

A. terreus NIH 2624, scaffold 6 (NT_165929.1, 469,00-486,00), 17 kb

Gene	Accession number	Size (gene/protein)	BLASTP homologs	Identity/similarity (%)	Putative function
<i>astA</i>	XP_001213594.1	1230/409	XP_001266526.1	94/97	Terpene synthase
<i>astB</i>	XP_001213595.1	1760/512	XP_001266527.1	94/96	Cytochrome P450
<i>astC</i>	XP_001213596.1	1716/538	CEJ61176.1	84/89	Cytochrome P450
<i>astD</i>	XP_001213593.1	1874/598	OJJ72940.1	98/98	Dihydroxy-acid dehydratase

Supplementary Table 2. Microbial strains used in this study

Strain	Genotype	Source
<i>Fungi</i>		
<i>Aspergillus terreus</i> NIH2624		FGSC
<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> A1145	$\Delta pyrG, \Delta pyroA, \Delta riboB$	²
TY01	<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> A1145 carrying AstD+AstA-pYTU, AstB-pYTR, AstC-pYTP	this study
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>		
RC01	<i>MATa ura3-52 his3-Δ200 leu2-Δ1 trp1 pep4::HIS3 ura3-52::atCPR prb1 Δ1.6R can1 GAL</i>	³
TY02	RC01 carrying pAstA-xw55	this study
TY03	TY02 carrying pAstB-xw06	this study
TY04	TY03 carrying pAstC-xw02	this study
DHY $\Delta URA3$	<i>MATa ura3Δ0</i>	this study
UB01	DHY $\Delta URA3 ilv3::URA3$	this study
UB02	DHY $\Delta URA3 \Delta ILV3$	this study
TY05	UB02 carrying pXP318	this study
TY06	UB02 carrying AteDHAD-pXP318	this study
TY07	UB02 carrying AstD-pXP318	this study
<i>Escherichia coli</i>		
DH10 β		NEB
BL21 (DE3)		NEB
TY08	BL21 (DE3) carrying AstD-pET28a	this study
TY09	BL21 (DE3) carrying AthDHAD-pET28a	this study
TY10	BL21 (DE3) carrying AteDHAD-pET28a	this study

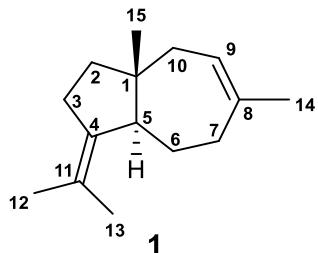
Supplementary Table 3. Primers for PCR amplification in this study

Supplementary Table 4. Plasmids used in this study

plasmids	Features	source
pYTU	protein expression vector in <i>A. nidulans</i> (<i>pyrG</i> marker)	²
pYTR	protein expression vector in <i>A. nidulans</i> (<i>riboB</i> marker)	²
pYTP	protein expression in <i>A. nidulans</i> (<i>pyroA</i> marker)	²
pAstD+AstA-pYTU	pYTU expressing <i>astA</i> and <i>astD</i>	this study
pAstB-pYTR	pYTR expressing <i>astB</i>	this study
pAstC-pYTP	pYTP expressing <i>astC</i>	this study
pXW55	protein expression vector in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> (<i>URA3</i> marker)	³
pXW06	protein expression vector in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> (<i>TRP2</i> marker)	³
pXW02	protein expression vector in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> (<i>LEU2</i> marker)	³
pAstA-xw55	pXW55 expressing <i>astA</i>	this study
pAstB-xw06	pXW06 expressing <i>astB</i>	this study
pAstC-xw02	pXW02 expressing <i>astC</i>	this study
pET28a	protein expression vector in <i>E. coli</i> BL21 (DE3)	Addgene
<i>AthDHAD</i> -pET	pET28a expressing <i>AthDHAD</i> (pDHAD)	this study
<i>AteDHAD</i> -pET	pET28a expressing <i>AteDHAD</i> (fDHAD)	this study
AstD-pET	pET28a expressing AstD	this study
pXP318	protein expression vector in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> (<i>URA3</i> marker)	Addgene
<i>AteDHAD</i> -pXP318	pXP318 expressing <i>AteDHAD</i> (fDHAD)	this study
AstD-pXP318	pXP318 expressing AstD	this study
PEG202	protein expression vector in <i>A. thaliana</i> (<i>blp^R</i> marker)	Addgene
pAstDo-pEG	pEG202 expressing codon optimized AstD	this study

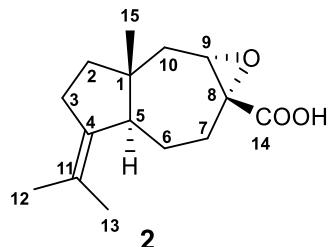
Supplementary Table 5. NMR data and structure

^1H (500 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) of compound 1:



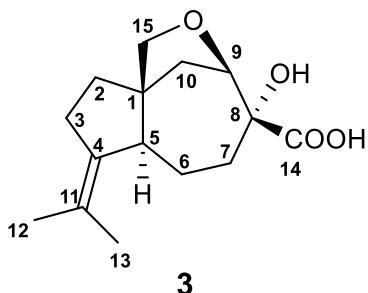
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1	-	42.6	C	-
2	1.44 (1H, dd, 11.4, 7.2)	40.3	CH_2	138.4, 57.4, 42.6, 29.6, 19.2
2'	1.31 (1H, dd, 11.3, 2.6)			42.6, 41.4, 29.6, 19.2
3	2.20 (1H, m)	29.6	CH_2	138.4, 42.6, 34.5
3'	2.15 (1H, m)			138.4, 122.2, 57.4, 42.6, 40.3
4	-	138.4	C	-
5	2.16 (1H, m)	57.4	CH	138.4, 42.6, 40.3, 34.5, 25.0
6	2.19 (1H, m)	25.0	CH_2	138.4, 138.3, 57.4, 42.6, 34.5
6'	1.36 (1H, m)			34.5
7	2.15 (1H, m)	34.5	CH_2	138.3, 122.4, 57.4
7'	2.07 (1H, m)			138.3, 122.4, 57.4, 27.3, 25.0
8	-	138.3	C	-
9	5.37 (1H, m)	122.4	CH	
10	2.00 (1H, m)	41.4	CH_2	138.3, 122.4, 57.4, 42.6, 40.3, 19.2
10'	1.95 (1H, d, 15.3)			138.3, 122.4, 57.4, 42.6
11	-	122.2	C	-
12	1.61 (3H, brs)	23.3	CH_3	138.4, 122.2, 20.6
13	1.71 (3H, q, 1.7)	20.6	CH_3	138.4, 122.2, 23.3
14	1.75 (3H, s)	27.3	CH_3	138.3, 122.4, 34.5
15	0.73 (3H, s)	19.2	CH_3	57.4, 42.6, 41.4, 40.3

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 2:



no.	δ_{H} (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	δ_{C}	mult.	HMBC
1	-	44.1	C	-
2	1.41 (1H, m)	38.8	CH ₂	135.8, 60.1, 44.1, 29.3, 17.8
2'	1.31 (1H, td, 11.5, 9.0)			44.1, 40.5, 29.3, 17.8
3	2.26 (1H, m)	29.3	CH ₂	135.8
3'	2.15 (1H, dd, 16.3, 8.9)			135.8, 123.2, 60.1, 44.1, 38.8
4	-	135.8	C	-
5	2.08 (1H, d, 12.0)	60.1	CH	
6	2.48 (1H, dd, 14.8, 6.3)	24.9	CH ₂	59.4, 44.1, 30.6
6'	1.84 (1H, q, 13.1)			59.4, 30.6
7	2.71 (1H, dd, 14.6, 6.5)	30.6	CH ₂	176.0, 60.1, 59.8, 59.4, 24.9
7'	1.39 (1H, m)			176.0, 60.1, 59.8, 59.4, 24.9
8	-	59.4	C	-
9	3.25 (1H, t, 7.4)	59.8	CH	176.0, 59.4, 40.5
10	2.36 (1H, dd, 14.0, 6.6)	40.5	CH ₂	60.1, 59.8, 59.4, 44.1, 38.8
10'	1.44 (1H, m)			60.1, 59.8, 59.4, 44.1, 17.8
11	-	123.2	C	-
12	1.59 (3H, d, 2.2)	23.8	CH ₃	135.8, 123.2, 20.6
13	1.73 (3H, d, 2.3)	20.6	CH ₃	135.8, 123.2, 23.8
14	-	176.0	C	-
15	0.86 (3H, s)	17.8	CH ₃	59.8, 44.1, 40.5, 38.8
14-COOH	8.09 (1H, brs)	-	COOH	

¹H (500 MHz, CDCl₃) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 3 (aspteric acid, AA):



no.	δ_{H} (mult., <i>J</i> in Hz)	δ_{C}	mult.	HMBC
1	-	53.0	C	-
2	1.73 (1H, m)	33.8	CH ₂	134.5, 76.3, 53.0, 23.6
2'	1.50 (1H, m)			134.5, 76.3, 55.4, 53.0, 23.6
3	2.42 (1H, dd, 14.9, 7.3)	23.6	CH ₂	76.3, 55.4, 53.0, 33.8
3'	1.61 (1H, m)			134.5, 55.4, 53.0, 33.8
4	-	134.5	C	-
5	2.34 (1H, m)	55.4	CH	134.5, 125.2, 76.3, 53.0, 33.8, 23.6
6	2.20 (1H, m)	36.6	CH ₂	75.6, 55.4, 53.0
6'	1.70 (1H, m)			75.6, 53.0
7	2.32 (1H, m)	32.2	CH ₂	178.2, 82.9, 75.6, 55.4
7'	2.01 (1H, m)			75.6, 55.4
8	-	75.6	C	-
9	4.29 (1H, d, 8.5)	82.9	CH	76.3, 75.6, 53.0, 36.2
10	2.26 (1H, m)	36.2	CH ₂	82.9, 76.3, 75.6, 55.4
10'	2.12 (1H, d, 13.4)			76.3, 75.6, 55.4, 53.0
11	-	125.2	C	-
12	1.71 (3H, s)	20.9	CH ₃	134.5, 125.2, 23.4
13	1.60 (3H, s)	23.4	CH ₃	134.5, 125.2, 20.9
14	-	178.2	C	-
15	3.92 (1H, d, 8.3)	76.3	CH ₂	82.9, 55.4, 53.0, 36.2
15'	3.48 (1H, d, 8.3)			55.4, 53.0, 33.8

Supplementary Table 6. The codon-optimized sequence of *astD* for expression in *A. thaliana*.
The *AthDHAD* chloroplast localization signal is in blue, and the FLAG-tag is in red.

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