

Supplementary information

Table S1. The RMSD of enzyme backbone between each representative conformation

RMSD of enzyme backbone	WT/pH 5.0	WT/pH 7.0	E88R/pH 5.0	E88R/pH 7.0
WT/pH 5.0	0	1.332	1.465	1.823
WT/pH 7.0	1.332	0	1.169	1.470
E88R/pH 5.0	1.465	1.169	0	1.720
E88R/pH 7.0	1.823	1.470	1.720	0

Table S2. Primers used for the construction of variants

Primes	Sequences (5'-3')
E81R-F	GGAGGCCTGGCAAAGATCCGCGGCAT
E81R-R	CCCTTCTATGCCGCGGATCTTTGCCAG
E88R-F	GGCATAGAAGGGCGCTTCCGCCGCTAT
E88R-R	GGCAATATAGCGGCGGAAGCGCCCTT C
E93R-F	TTCGAACGCTATATTGCCCGCAACCGC
E93R-R	CTGATCGCGGTTGCGGGCAATATAGCG
D96R-F	TTCGAACGCTATATTGCCGAAAACCGC
D96R-R	CACGCCTTCCTGGCGGCGGTTTTTCGGC
D159R-F	ATCCGTGAAATGGGGGCCCGCAATT
D159R-R	GGACTCGCTGGGAATTGCGCGGGCCCC
S163R-F	ATCCGTGAAATGGGGGCCGATGCAATT
S163R-R	CAGGTTACGGACTCGCGGGGAATTGC
E164R-F	ATCCGTGAAATGGGGGCCGATGCAATT
E164R-R	CAGGTTACGGAGCGGCTGGGAATTG C
E264R-F	TCGGTAAAGATGGACCGCCGCAGCCT G
E264R-R	CCATCGGTAAAGATGGACCGCCGCAG C
E268R-F	CCATCGGTAAAGATGGACGAGCGCAG C
E268R-R	CTTGCGCACACGGCGCAGGCTGCGCTC
E344R-F	TTCGACTTGGCATTGGGCAGGCTGCCT
E344R-R	TGTTTTCTCGGAGCGAGGCAGCCTGCC
S345R-F	TTCGACTTGGCATTGGGCAGGCTGCCT
S345R-R	TGTTTTCTCGCGCTCAGGCAGCCTGCC

E346R-F	TTCGACTTGGCATTGGGCAGGCTGCCT
E346R-R	CGCTGTTTTGCGGGACTCAGGCAGCCT
T348R-F	TGGGCAGGCTGCCTGAGTCCGAGAAA
T348R-R	ATCATCGAGCGCGGTTTCTCGGACTC
D352R-F	CTGCCTGAGTCCGAGAAAACAGCGCTC
D352R-R	ACGATAGCGATCGCGGAGCGCTGTTTT
S363R-F	TATCGTTCACTGCTACCCGATGTGCGT
S363R-R	TAGGAATTTCAAGCGACGCACATCGG G
S405R-F	TTCTCGTTGTTTGCCTCATGGACGAG
S405R-R	CTTGTA CTGGTCGCGCTCGTCCATGAG
D448R-F	GATTACTACACCTTGATTGACCTGCAG
D448R-R	CTTCGACGTCACGCGCTGCAGGTCAAT
E456R-F	CAGGACGTGACGTCGAAGCTTTATGGC
E456R-R	TTTCGAGAACGCGCGGCCATAAAGCTT
D520R-F	ATAGGTCGTGCGCTGCGACAAATGGCT
D520R-R	CGCGTACAGCTCGCGAGCCATTTGTCG
T527R-F	ATGGCTGACGAGCTGTACGCGCAATAC
T527R-R	GTTCCCTTGCTGGCGGTATTGCGCGTA

Table S3. The protonation state of residues predicted by PDB2PQR

Enzyme (condition)	Protonation state	Residue	Enzyme (condition)	Protonation state	Residue
WT (pH 7.0)	ASPP	D287	E88R (pH 7.0)	ASPP	D287
	HSE	H123		HSE	H123
		H381			H381
	HSD	Other histidine		HSD	Other histidine
WT (pH 5.0)		D286	E88R (pH 5.0)		D286
	ASPP	D287		ASPP	D287
		D336			D336
		D445			D445
		E84			E84
		E124			E124
	GLUP	E155		GLUP	E155
		E220			E220
		E420			E420
		H123			H123
		H277			H277
	HSP	H330		HSP	H330
	H381		H381		
	H410		H410		
	HSD	Other histidine		HSD	Other histidine

Note:

ASPP: Protonated aspartic acid, proton on OD2;

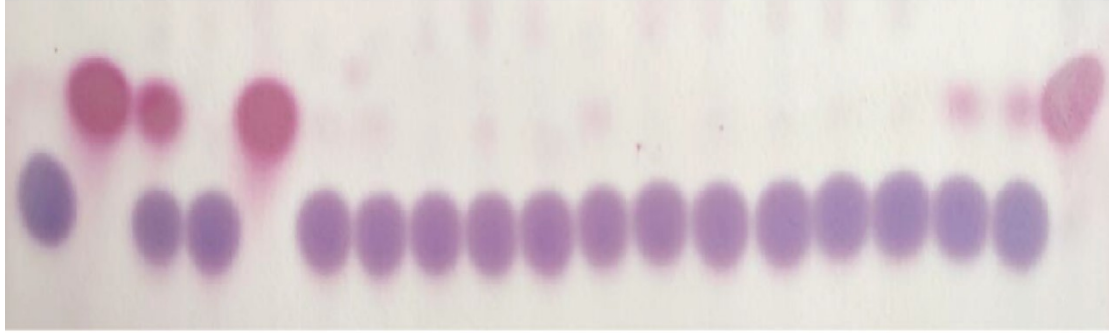
GLUP: Protonated glutamic acid, proton on OE2;

HSP: Protonated histidine;

HSD: Neutral histidine, proton on ND1;

HSE: Neutral histidine, proton on NE2.

L-asp L-ala WT E81R E88R E93R D96R D159R S163R E164R E264R E268R E344R S345R E346R T348R D352R S363R S405R



L-asp L-ala WT D448R E456R D520R T527R

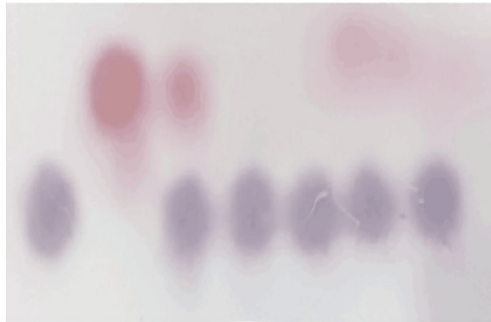


Fig. S1. Thin-plate chromatography analysis for screening of variants. The reaction was carried out at 37°C and 200 rpm for 4 h, supplying 100 mM L-aspartic acid and the cell biomass of $OD_{600}=2.5$. Samples of L-aspartic acid and L-alanine were spotted as controls and indicated by L-asp and L-ala, respectively. WT: wild-type ASD.

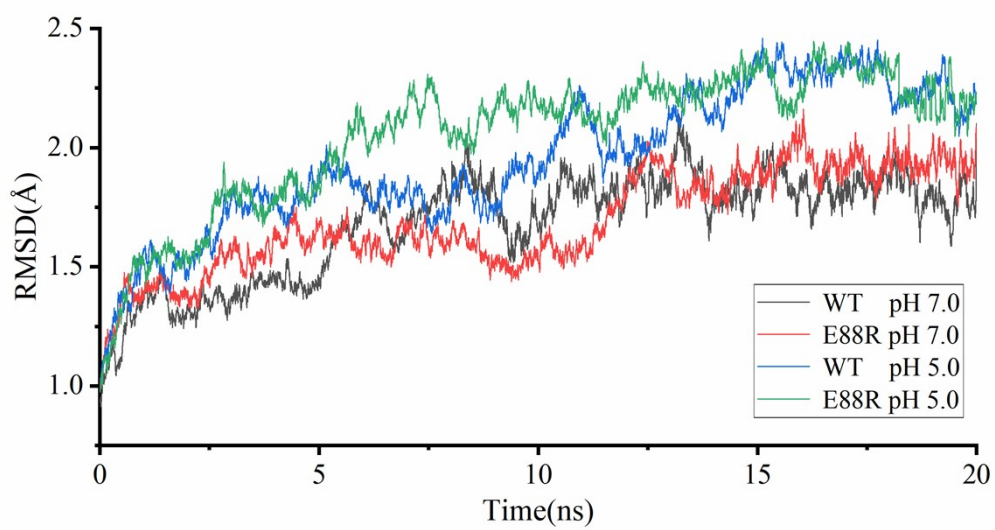


Fig. S2. The RMSD of the wild-type ASD (WT) and the E88R variant analyzed under acidic and neutral conditions.

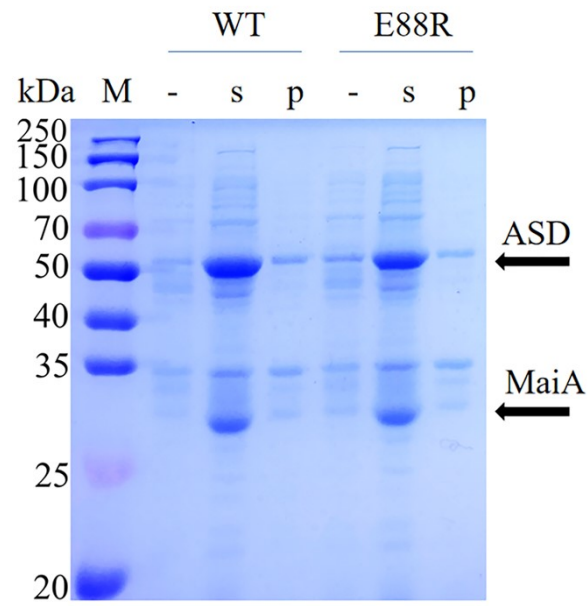


Fig. S3. Expression level of recombinant enzymes in the host strain were analyzed by SDS-PAGE. M: standard marker proteins, -: control, S: supernatants of cell lysates, P: precipitate of cell lysates. Recombinant maleate isomerase (MaiA) and ASD are indicated by arrows.