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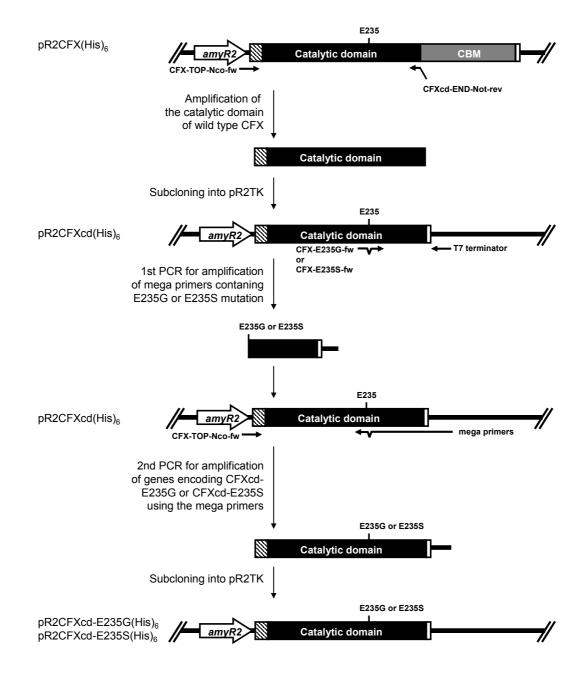
Glycosynthase-based Synthesis of Xylo-oligosaccharides using an Engineered Retaining Xylanase from *Cellulomonas fimi* 

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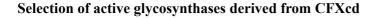
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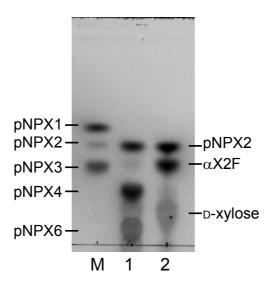
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### Construction strategy for CFXcd and its nucleophile mutants

**Fig. S-1** Construction strategy for pR2CFXcd(His)<sub>6</sub>, pR2CFXcd-E235G(His)<sub>6</sub>, and pR2CFXcd-E235S(His)<sub>6</sub>



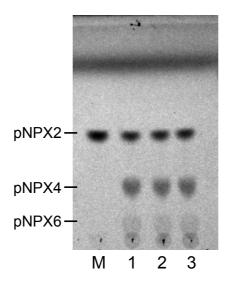


**Fig. S-2** TLC analysis of the reaction mixtures using CFXcd-E235G and CFXcd-E235S mutants.

Lane M, standards for pNP xylooligosaccharides, pNPX, pNPX2, and pNPX3; Lane 1, the reaction mixture of CFXcd-E235G; Lane 2, the reaction mixture of CFXcd-E235S.  $\alpha$ X2F and pNPX2 were used as donor and acceptor, respectively. The plate was visualized by exposure to 10 % sulfuric acid in methanol followed by charring.

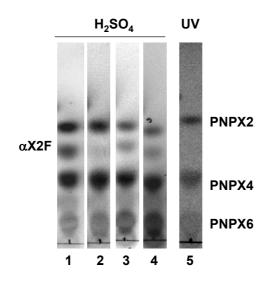
#### **Enzyme stability**

In order to investigate enzyme stability, aliquots of CFXcd-E235G (in 50 mM phosphate buffer/pH 7.0) were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h and 48 h without substrates. Then, glycosynthase reactions were carried out using the preincubated enzymes. A control reaction was carried out using CFXcd-E235G which stored at 4 °C. The concentrations of substrates were 10 mM. After 12 h incubation at 30 °C, the reaction mixtures were analyzed using TLC. The amount of transfer products in the reactions using the preincubated enzymes was not so much different (Fig. S-3). This result suggests that CFXcd-E235G is stable at 37 °C for 48 h, and its activity also maintained after the reaction for the synthesis of xylooligosaccharides (30 °C, 24 h)



**Fig. S-3** TLC analysis of the reaction mixtures using CFXcd-E235G stored at 4 °C and 37 °C . Lane 1, blank reaction without enzyme; Lane 2, the reaction mixture of CFXcd-E235G stored at 4 °C; Lane 3, the reaction mixture of CFXcd-E235G stored at 37 °C for 24 h; Lane 4, the reaction mixture of CFXcd-E235G stored at 37 °C for 48 h.  $\alpha$ X2F and pNPX2 were used as donor and acceptor, respectively. The plate was visualized under UV light.

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#### Time dependence during the preparative scale synthesis

Fig. S-4 TLC of the reactions of CFXcd-E235G using αX2F and pNPX2 over time.

Lane 1, reaction mixture after 6 h; Lane 2, reaction mixture after 10 h; Lane 3, reaction mixture after 21 h; Lane 4, reaction mixture after 24 h; Lane 5, reaction mixture after 21 h. The plate for Lane 5 was visualized under UV light and the others by exposure to 10 % sulfuric acid in methanol followed by charring.

## Mass spectrometry data for purified aryl xylooligosaccharides

4-Nitrophenyl	$\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-bis[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\beta$ -D-
xylopyranoside (PNPX4). ES	I MS: Calcd for $C_{26}H_{37}NO_{19}+Na^+$ : 690.2. Found: 690.2

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4-Nitrophenyl \beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow4)-tetra[\beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow4)]-\beta-D-
xylopyranoside (PNPX6). ESI MS: Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>53</sub>NO<sub>27</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup>: 954.3. Found: 954.4
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4-Nitrophenyl \beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow4)-hexa[\beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow4)]-\beta-D-
xylopyranoside (PNPX8). ESI MS: Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>69</sub>NO<sub>35</sub>+Na<sup>+</sup>: 1218.5 + 23. Found: 1218.5
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4-Nitrophenyl β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-octa[β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)]-β-D-
xylopyranoside (PNPX10). ESIMS: Calcd for C_{56}H_{85}NO_{43}+Na^+: 1482.4. Found: 1482.8
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4-Nitrophenyl β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-deca[β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)]-β-Dxylopyranoside (PNPX12). ESI MS: Calcd for  $C_{66}H_{101}NO_{51}+Na^+$ : 1746.5. Found: 1747.1

Benzylthio β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-bis[β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)]-β-D-xylopyranoside (BTX4). ESI MS: Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{40}O_{16}S+Na^+$ : 675.2. Found: 675.2

**Benzylthio**  $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-tetra[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranoside (BTX6). ESI MS: Calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>24</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 939.3. Found: 939.5

Benzylthio β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-hexa[β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)]-β-D-xylopyranoside (BTX8). ESI MS: Calcd for  $C_{47}H_{72}O_{32}S+Na^+$ : 1203.4. Found: 1203.4

**Benzylthio**  $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-octa[ $\beta$ -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)]- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranoside (BTX10). ESI MS: Calcd for C<sub>57</sub>H<sub>88</sub>O<sub>40</sub>S+Na<sup>+</sup>: 1467.4. Found: 1467.6

Benzylthio β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-deca[β-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)]-β-D-xylopyranoside (BTX12). ESI MS: Calcd for  $C_{67}H_{104}O_{48}S$ +Na<sup>+</sup>: 1731.5. Found: 1731.9