

Supplementary information

Discovery and mechanism-guided engineering of BHET hydrolases for improved PET recycling and upcycling

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Supplementary Note 1 (Phase I. Microorganism determination through screening for PET-degrading microorganisms using robust grading strategy)

We collected 50 samples from the refuse landfill, including PET bottles, PET boxes, PET film, PET sheets, and other debris with the surrounding soil. The easily degradable diethyl phthalate (DET) was chosen as the sole carbon source in the early stage of the easy-to-hard stepwise screening system, followed by PET powder for strain separation and isolation (Supplementary Fig. 1). Approximately 70 microbes capable of growing with DET were validated (Fig. 1c). Then, the accumulation of product MHET, an intermediate degrading BHET to TPA, was selected as a screening marker to evaluate the degradation effect. Afterward, we successfully isolated ten bacteria capable of degrading and assimilating PET with MHET product over 55 µg/L (Supplementary Fig. 2). 16S rDNA gene sequencing classified them into *Bacillus*, *Chryseobacterium*, *Pseudomonas*, *Klebsiella*, and *Enterobacter* (Supplementary Table 1). Regarding the degradation performances and phylogenetic tree analysis (Supplementary Fig. 2-3), Strain No.70 and Strain No.29 had efficient degradability in 48h (162.58 µg/L, Supplementary Fig. 2) and the highest MHET yield in 8 days (197.08 µg/L, Supplementary Fig. 2), thereby determined for further study. Strain No.70 was identified as *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 (GenBank ID: OP564167), agreeing well with a previous study that *Bacillus subtilis* TB8 leads to the weight loss of PET film¹. Strain No.29 represents a novel species of the genus *Chryseobacterium*, for which we propose the name *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 (GenBank ID: OP564169). Both *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 and *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 can grow on olive oil plates by producing prominent hydrolysis circles (Fig. 1d-e), implying that there are secreted hydrolases that can break ester bonds in olive oil and/or PET.

Supplementary Note 2 (Phase II. Enzyme identification through SSN prediction of PET hydrolase with BHETase activity)

Through screening the NCBI database and genome sequence, we obtained the whole genome of *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 (Genbank: CP053102) and *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 (Genbank: CP107053, Fig. 2a, Supplementary Fig. 4 and Supplementary Table 3). Regarding PET hydrolases mainly belong to carboxylic ester hydrolases with EC 3.1.1.X², we identified 48 and 37 potential PET hydrolases with α/β -structural domains from the identified open reading frame (ORF) of *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 and *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29, respectively (Table S4 and S5). Experimental characterizations of all potential PET hydrolases are unfeasible. Therefore, we employed sequence similarity networks (SSNs) to capture uncharacterized enzymes by clustering them with known sequence-function space (29 reported PET hydrolases in Table S7). SSNs (EFI-EST, <https://efi.igb.illinois.edu/efi-est/>) are visually powerful tools for analyzing sequence relationships in “favorite” protein families³. As shown in

Fig. 2b, only two potential enzymes, QJR48005.1 and assembly_03435, were clustering together with BS2Est and Chath_Est1 with PET degradability⁴⁻⁶. And QJR48005.1 showed 95.7% protein sequence identity with BS2Est, suggesting extra substitutions exist in QJR48005.1 (named as BsEst, Supplementary Fig. 9). However, there was only max. 25.44% identity was found for assembly_03435 (named ChryBHETase) compared to 28 PET hydrolases (Supplementary Fig. 10).

Supplementary Note 3 (Phase III. Comprehensive enzyme characterization with *in vitro* experiments and *in silico* molecular simulation)

In terms of *in vitro* characterization, QJR48005.1 and assembly_03435 were successfully constructed and expressed in *E.coli* BL21(DE3). The crude enzymes were first examined for PET film. However, no detectable monomer was observed within 5 days, indicating both enzymes unable to degrade PET directly. These results confirmed our SSN analysis that no PETase-relevant enzyme can be founded in both PET-biodegrading strains (Fig. 2b). Instead, QJR48005.1 and assembly_03435 enable to catalyze the hydrolyzation of BHET to MHET and further to TPA (Fig. 2d, e). Different from QJR48005.1, the catalytic preference of assembly_03435 for BHET was over *p*NP-aliphatic esters (*p*NPB (C₄), *p*NPC (C₈), and *p*NPP (C₁₆), Supplementary Fig. 7a). And BHET can be converted entirely to MHET and TPA within 12 h (Fig. 2d-e). Furthermore, to verify the higher specificity of QJR48005.1 and assembly_03435 for BHET, lipase A from *Bacillus subtilis* (BSLA) were used to catalyze BHET hydrolysis. BSLA has a wide/shallow substrate binding cleft (SBC) around the active site without a “lid” domain. Theoretically, it may possess a solid hydrolytic activity for PET or BHET. However, degradation data on BHET substrates was beyond our expectations. In Supplementary Fig. 8, the BHET conversion of QJR48005.1 (100%) and assembly_03435 (46.92%) was almost 5-fold and 2.2-fold higher than that of BSLA (21.8%). And no TPA can be detected in BSLA degradation, which differs from QJR48005.1 and assembly_03435. Thus, the assembly_03435 protein prefers BHET to aliphatic esters, compared with PETase and MHETase^{7,8}, leading to its designation as the BHET hydrolase (termed BHETase). Therefore, we assign the name ChryBHETase for assembly_03435. Notably, QJR48005.1, named BsEst, had higher BHET conversion activities than its homology Bs2Est. In detail, the BHET conversion of BsEst is near 100% in 9 h, yet Bs2Est merely achieves 76.9% (Supplementary Fig. 9a), suggesting the 21 substitutions in BsEst are favorable to BHETase activity. Additionally, the substrate specificity of BHETases for other phenyl esters, glycerides, and tertiary alcohols was also investigated in Supplementary Fig. 7b. Results indicated that BsEst showed significant hydrolysis of almost all substrates tested in this study, while ChryBHETase showed significant hydrolysis of 2-methylbutyl acetate, glyceryl tributyrates and olive oil substrates.

Supplementary Note 4 (Genome sequencing of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29)

The homology genomes of *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 were obtained through NCBI database (Table S2). In particular, due to the lack of a homologous genome of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29, the superior performances of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 compelled us to examine its underlying carboxylesterases gene through genome sequencing. As shown in Fig. 2a, Supplementary Fig. 4, and Supplementary Table 3, the whole genome of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 had a single circular chromosome containing 4,125,210 bases with a G + C content of 37.69% and annotated 3645 protein-coding sequences, 15 rRNAs, 63 tRNAs, and 26 misc RNA. In total, 2960, 1246, 808, 1664, 1608, 1868, and 2972 genes were successfully annotated by the NR, COG, KEGG, Uniprot, GO, Tigrfam, and Pfam databases, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 3).

Supplementary Note 5 (Gene construction and protein expression)

Owing to the presence of signal peptide PelB in pET-22b(+), there is good soluble protein expression in the cytoplasm. After Ni-affinity purification, the yields of BsEst and ChryBHETase in the cytosol were determined to be 1860 and 220mg/L, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 6 and Supplementary Table 10).

Supplementary Note 6 (The optimal variants obtained through mechanism-guided barrier engineering)

Based on the above structural and solvation observables, we empirically generated five truncated variants of each enzyme by deleting V60-R77 (BsEst- Δ 1), G105-A112 (BsEst- Δ 2), K267-F275 (BsEst- Δ 3), L401-K418 (BsEst- Δ 4), L410-K418 (BsEst- Δ 5) of BsEst and P63-D78 (ChryBHETase- Δ 1), V66-K76 (ChryBHETase- Δ 2), G267-F274 (ChryBHETase- Δ 3), Q319-P327 (ChryBHETase- Δ 4), S368-G376 (ChryBHETase- Δ 5) of ChryBHETase, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 22-23). In this study, the 3D structures of each variant were predicted by AlphaFold2. Subsequently, the binding energy, number of hydrogen bonds, serine affinity attack distance, and cavity volume of each variant were calculated by molecular docking (Supplementary Fig. 11-12). However, introducing truncation to enzymes may have an unclear impact on enzyme activity and stability, so it is necessary to call for knowledge-guided rules (normalized scoring) to improve library quality and reduce screening efforts. According to the mechanism of the catalytic triad, the nucleophilic attack distance of the Ser from the carbonyl carbon atom on the substrate determines the effective catalytic activity and is therefore assigned a maximum weight of 40%; the generation of hydrogen bonding forces between the substrate and the surrounding amino group is essential to maintain

the stability of the substrate binding and is therefore assigned a weight of 30%; the cavity volume formed by the substrate with the surrounding residues may facilitate the swinging entry of the PET chain, earning the weight of 20%. Based on normalized scoring (Eq. 5), the optimal variants of BsEst- $\Delta 5$ and ChryBHETase- $\Delta 2$ were 0.57 and 0.67, respectively, which were all higher than their wide type of 0.40 and 0.24 (Fig. 3c). The optimal variants obtained by normalized scoring are named Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase if not otherwise specified in this study.

Supplementary Note 7 (Structure and solvation phenomenon analysis)

BsEst and ChryBHETase have a hydrophobic SBC whose shape, size, depth, and physicochemical properties of the hydrophobic interaction zone ensure critical interactions with substrates². Some studies also showed that extra "lid" domains usually negatively affect the activity of enzymes such as lipase and cutinase². Previous reports have indicated that protein engineering, including enlarging the opening size of SBC^{9,10}, opening lids¹¹, and site-directed mutagenesis in lid domain¹² can increase enzyme activity and thermostability.

As shown in Supplementary Fig. 12-14, RMSD of BsEst, ChryBHETase, Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase in without BHET system and with BHET system for 100 ns indicated that the RMSD values remain stable in the last 40 ns of the simulation and no more large overall fluctuations occurred. The time-average RMSD of Δ BsEst slightly decreases BHET with water system while Δ ChryBHETase increases slightly and changes within 0.4 Å. The radius of gyration (R_g) and the time-averaged total SASA, hydrophobic SASA, and hydrophilic SASA of BsEst, ChryBHETase, Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase showed essentially no change, as shown in Supplementary Fig. 16-17. Towards the number of internal hydrogen bonds in Supplementary Fig. 15, BHET with water system all showed a slight increase, indicating that adding BHET increased the number of hydrogen bonding interactions in BHETase. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 29, the RMSF of Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase residues were overall lower in the BHET-water system than the water system, demonstrating that the protein structure is more stable in the BHET-water system. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 18, the number of water molecules in both SBC of BsEst and ChryBHETase decreased in the BHET-water system as BHET replaced water molecules. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 25-26, the distance between the active sites of the truncated variant Δ BsEst decreased, while Δ ChryBHETase showed the opposite trend, which may be due to the interaction between the substrate and the active site.

Supplementary Note 8 (Analysis of the molecular docking of Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase to model substrate 2PET)

To further confirm the conformational changes of different substrates in SBCs after truncation and interaction with the surrounding residues, different ligands (2PET, BHET, MHET, and TPA) were docked into BsEst, Δ BsEst, Δ ChryBHETase, and ChryBHETase using Autodock, respectively, in which optimal models are selected for visualization and calculated corresponding binding energies (Supplementary Fig. 27-28). The docking results showed that binding energy for substrates (BHET, MHET, and TPA) changes remarkably after truncation. The binding energy of the PET model substrate (2PET) differed significantly. Supplementary Fig. 27 showed the binding features of 2PET to the active sites, and hydrogen bond interactions were formed between 2PET and surrounding residues. Compared with BsEst, the binding energy of Δ BsEst for 2PET (-6.7 to -7.1 kcal/mol) was decreased, and binding energy for MHET (-6.0 to -5.6 kcal/mol) and TPA (-5.7 to -5.3 kcal/mol) was enhanced (Supplementary Fig. 28). The 2PET was considerably stabilized by hydrogen bond interactions (6 hydrogen bonds) in Δ BsEst, whereas four hydrogen bond interactions were formed between 2PET and BsEst. The results indicated that the improved catalytic efficiency collectively resulted from enhancing the ability of substrate binding and product release. Also, the truncated Δ BsEst may enhance affinity for PET. In contrast, Δ ChryBHETase with good performance seems to be attributed to significantly improving product release (-6.8 to -5.6 kcal/mol for MHET; -6.6 to -6.1 kcal/mol for TPA), despite an increase in binding energy to 2PET (-7.2 to -6.2 kcal/mol) (Supplementary Fig. 27-28).

Supplementary Note 9 (The performance of a two-enzyme degradation system in mild conditions)

After 96 h at 60 °C, the concentrations of products increased slowly with time. We speculated that the product inhibition might be the reason for this phenomenon. Notably, at 96 h, for PET hydrolases with great thermostability, including DepoPETase, FAST-PETase, and LCC-ICCG, the total amount of product released by a two-enzyme system with Δ BHETases was up to 1.3-fold compared to the single-enzyme system; For PET hydrolases with poor thermostability, such as PETase, LCC, DuraPETase and ThermoPETase, the total amount of products released by a two enzyme system with Δ BHETases was up to 1.6-fold compared to the single-enzyme system (Fig. 5b-h). This synergy effect was more significant in the case of degrading PET film. The findings in Fig. 5j provide visual and microscopic evidence of the enhanced PET degradation achieved by implementing the two-enzyme system, further validating its efficacy and potential for practical applications.

In previous studies¹³⁻¹⁷, researchers have commonly opted for high temperatures to exploit the ability of heat to reduce the crystallinity of PET. This decrease in

crystallinity promotes plastic decomposition, rendering it more amenable to degradation processes. However, operating at elevated temperatures often incurs additional energy costs. In our endeavor to develop a more environmentally friendly process, we investigated the efficiency of PET degradation using a two-enzyme system at room temperature (30 °C). As shown in Supplementary Fig. 33a, involving BHETase and Δ BHETase in PET degradation enabled to offset of the poor ability of PETase in converting BHET to TPA. Notably, PETase+ Δ BsEst can achieve a 100% yield of TPA in 4 h, but PETase+BsEst with 94.8%. Such synergy effect was more significant in the case of degrading PET film (Supplementary Fig. 33b). TPA is obtained through the action of (i) PETase alone, (ii) PETase+BsEst, (iii) PETase+ Δ BsEst, (iv) PETase+ChryBHETase, and (v) PETase+ Δ ChryBHETase. Notably, PETase+ Δ BHETase had up to 7-fold improvement in TPA yield (e.g., Δ BsEst: 663.1 μ M) compared to single PETase (95 μ M). In contrast, with PETase, the amounts of BHET, MHET, and TPA were measured reliably and satisfactorily determined to be 29.3 μ M, 463.3 μ M, and 95 μ M within 24 h, respectively. As depicted in Supplementary Fig. 33b, the two-enzyme approach successfully reduced the concentration of MHET to undetectable levels. Furthermore, the highest TPA concentrations were observed with PETase+ Δ BsEst, reaching 663.1 μ M, compared to PETase+BsEst (617.6 μ M of TPA). Similarly, PETase+ChryBHETase and PETase+ Δ ChryBHETase exhibited enhanced TPA production, with measured concentrations of 561.3 μ M and 589.6 μ M, respectively, surpassing the anticipated levels. These findings demonstrate the effectiveness of the two-enzyme system in achieving higher TPA yields compared to single-enzyme systems and underline the potential of Δ BHETases in enhancing PET degradation and TPA production. This founding was also proved by analyzing the surface of the PET film shown by visible photography, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and the reduced water contact angle (Supplementary Fig. 33c). Although the short detection time (24 h) slightly hid the outstanding properties of Δ BHETases (e.g., 5-7.3% improved conversion compared to BHETase), PETase+ Δ BHETases enabled to degrade PET film strongly, resulting in much rougher surfaces (Supplementary Fig. 33c, middle panel). Overall, the simple two-enzyme degradation system, especially with Δ BHETase, can efficiently produce pure TPA.

Supplementary Note 10 (The open-loop PET upcycling to produce the high-value derivative from post-consumer plastic products)

Subsequently, the pure TPA was upgraded into an exemplary chemical product, *p*-phthaloyl chloride, in a simple one-step method (Benzyltriethylammonium chloride (TEBAC) under 85 °C). *p*-Phthaloyl chloride is a valuable monomer for particular fiber synthesis as well as a reinforcing agent for aramid and nylon¹⁸. Assuming that no losses occurred during the processing of samples between Δ BHETase catalysis and two chemical processes (PET glycolysis and halogenation), the *p*-Phthaloyl chloride yields from the original plastics were on average 70.20% for 21 commercial plastic products

(Fig. 7d). Collectively, based on the engineered Δ BHETase, we demonstrated a process concept for pairing chemical and enzymatic catalysis to convert plastic waste into valuable products. Such technologies would support the creation of a circular plastics economy¹⁹.

Supplementary 16S rDNA gene sequence

16S rDNA Sequence 1. *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86

TGGTGTGACGGGCGGTGTGTACAAGGCCCGGGAACGTATTCACCGCGGC
ATGCTGATCCGCGATTACTAGCGATTCCAGCTTCACGCAGTCGAGTTGCA
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The GenBank accession number for the 16S rDNA gene sequence of the strain PET-86 is OP564167.

16S rDNA Sequence 2. *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29

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Supplementary enzyme sequences cloned in this study

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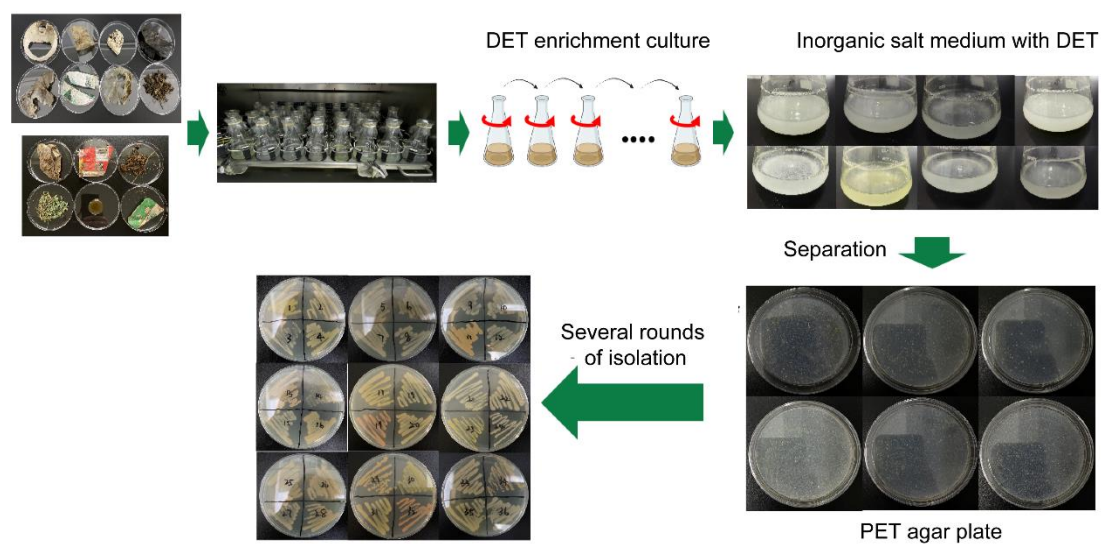
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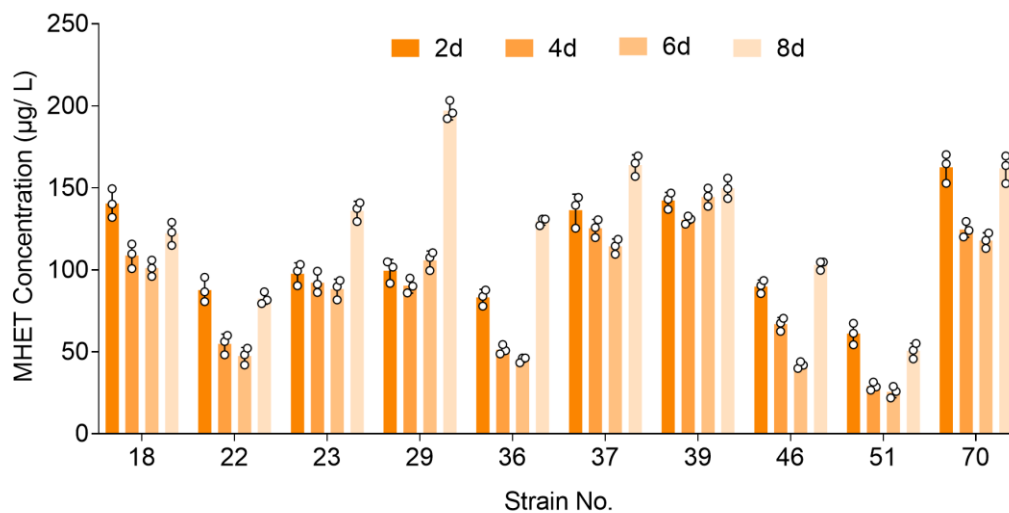
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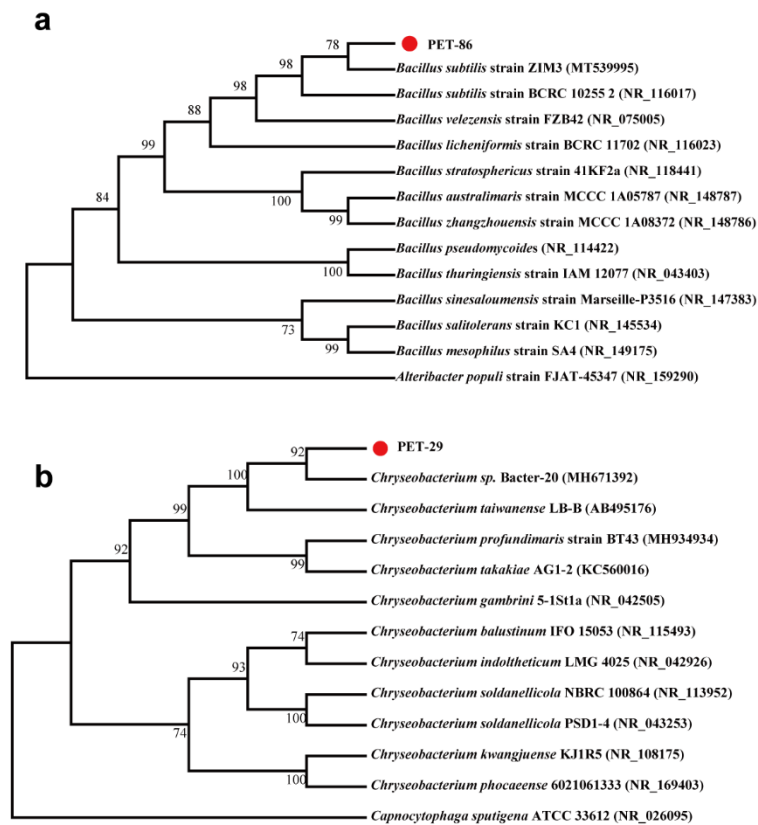
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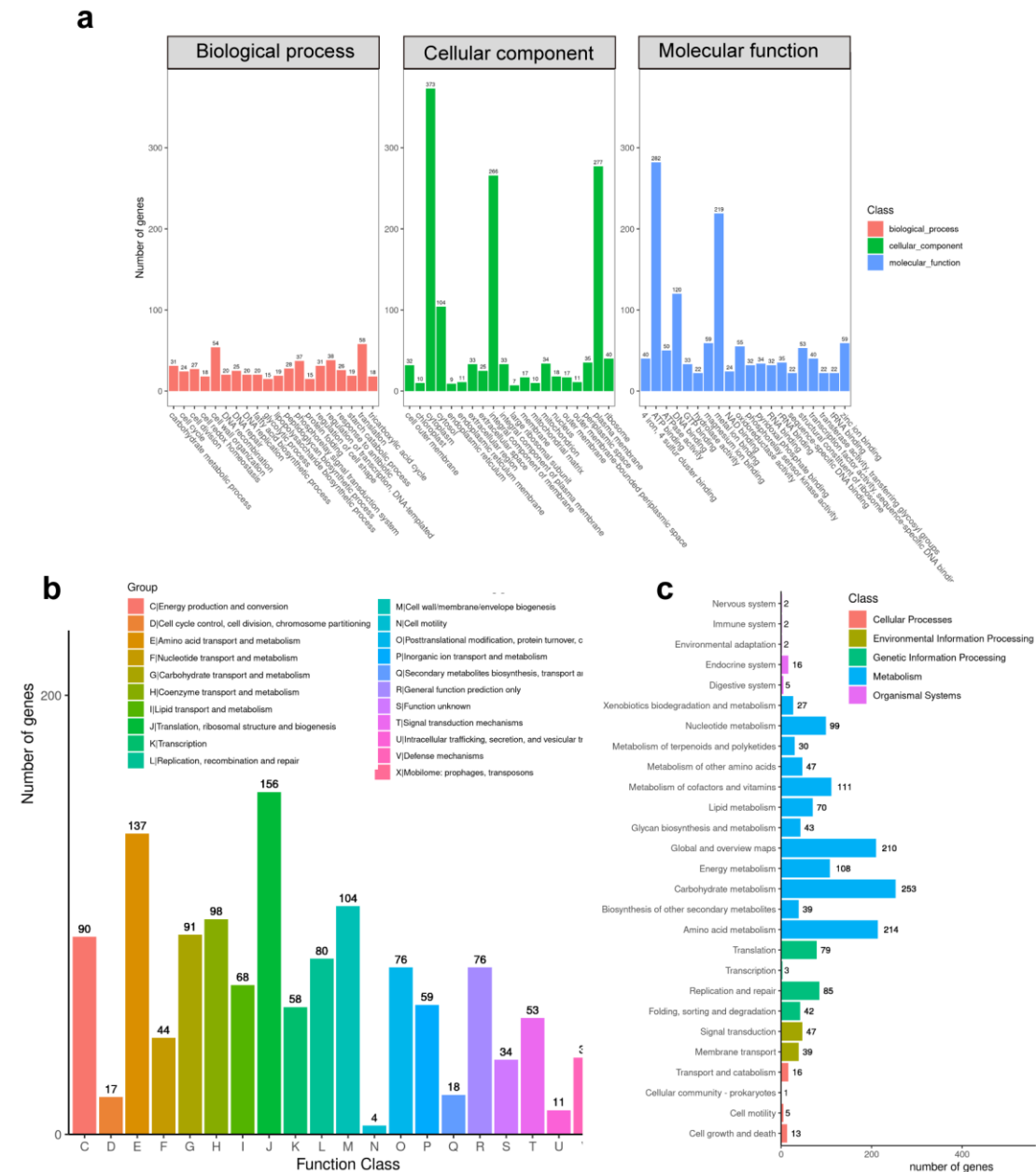
Supplementary Fig. 1 Screening and purification of the strains that capable of growing on PET powder plate. Reaction conditions: pH 7.5, 30 °C, 2 g/L PET powder, and 5% inoculum for 5 days.



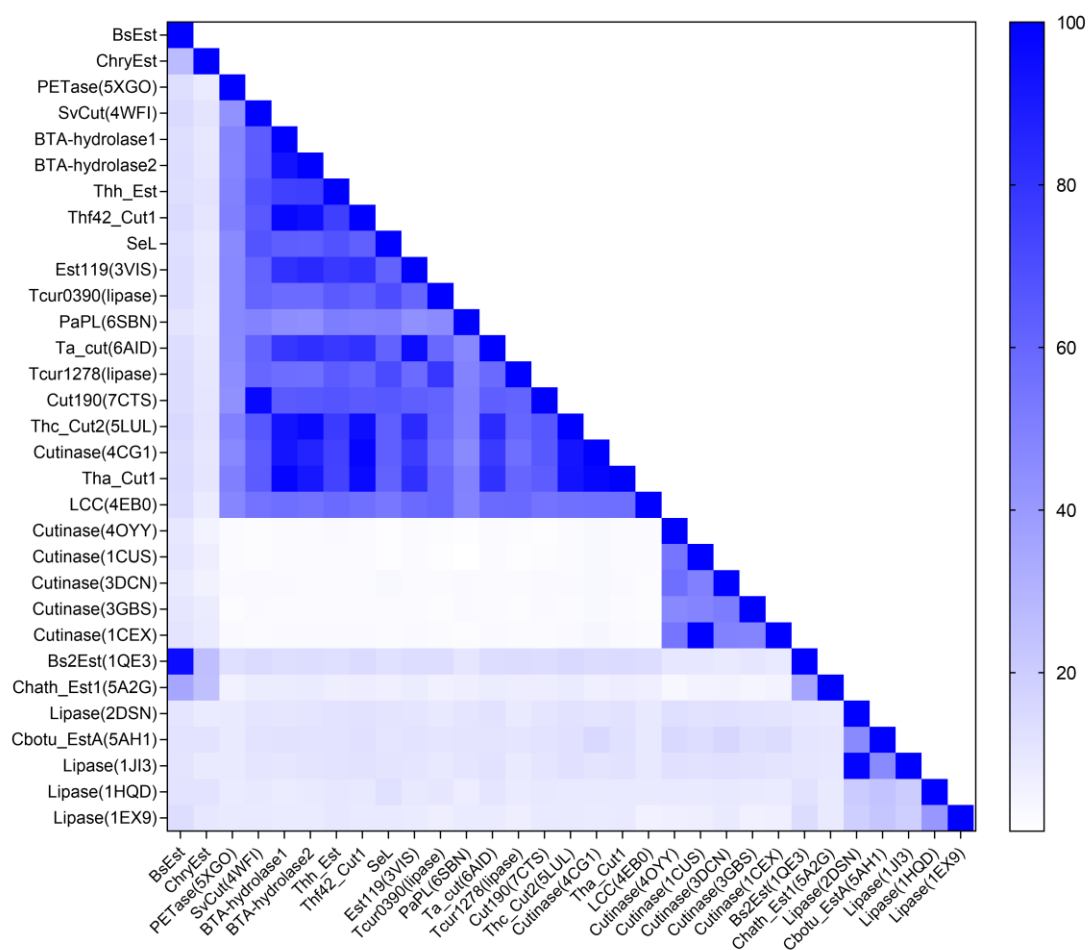
Supplementary Fig. 2 The performance of ten microbes with MHET concentration over 55 µg/L during degrading PET film. Reaction conditions: pH 7.5, 30 °C, 2 g/L PET powder, and 5% inoculum for 8 days. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



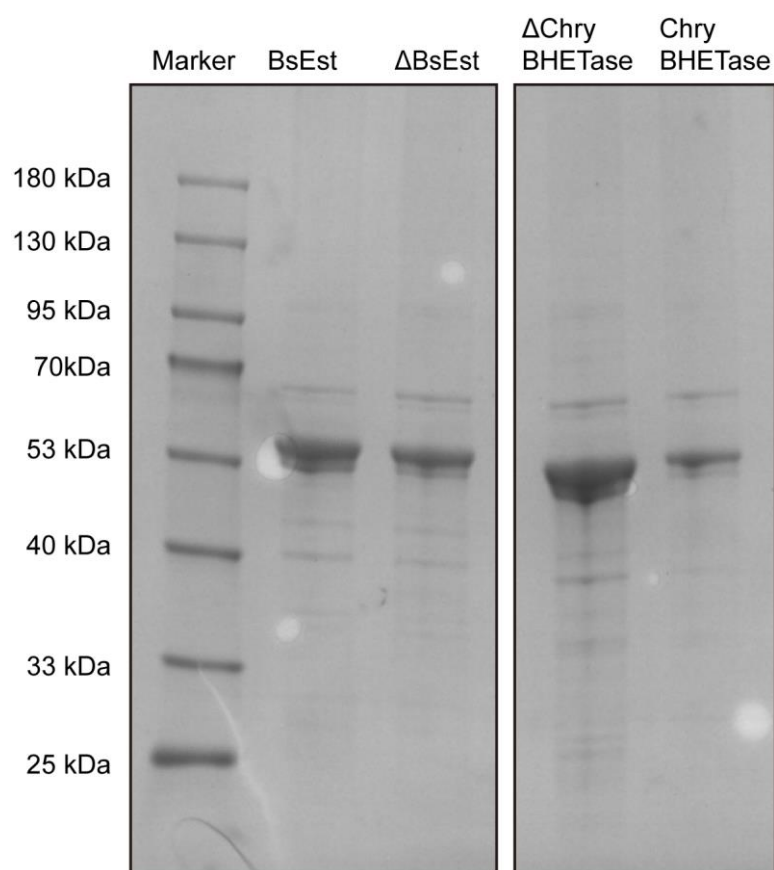
Supplementary Fig. 3 Phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA gene sequences. (a) *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 (No.70) and (b) *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 (No.29)



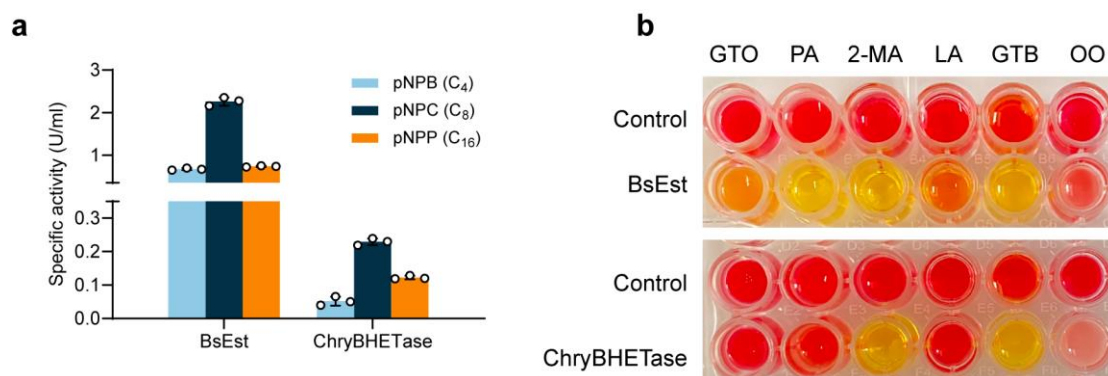
Supplementary Fig. 4 Genome analysis of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29. (a) All genes biological processes by GO enrichment analysis. (b) Genome functional annotation of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 chromosome against the COG database. (c) The pathway classification of *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 chromosome against the KEGG database.



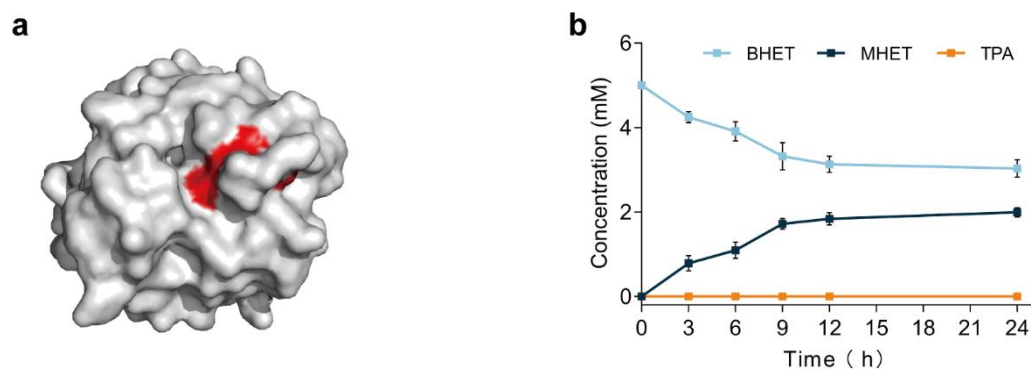
Supplementary Fig. 5 Sequence identity results of ChryBHETase with other reported PET enzymes. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



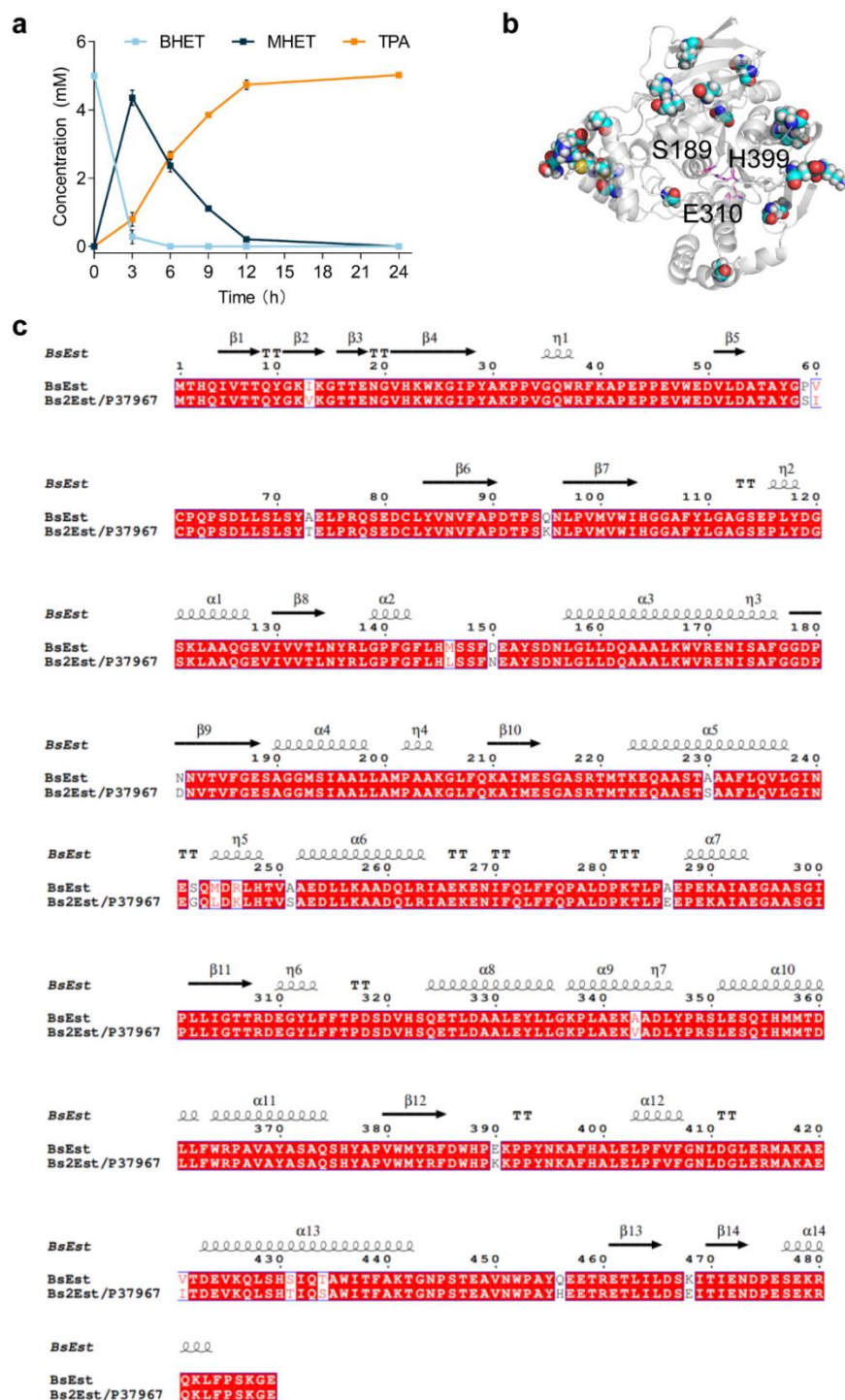
Supplementary Fig. 6 Heterologous expression of BsEst, Δ BsEst, ChryBHETase, and Δ ChryBHETase mediated by PelB Signal peptides and Protein purification. Samples were run on the same gel, with the same vehicle sample, and image was cropped at the black line only for the purpose of this figure. Results were reproduced three times independently; representative gels are shown. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



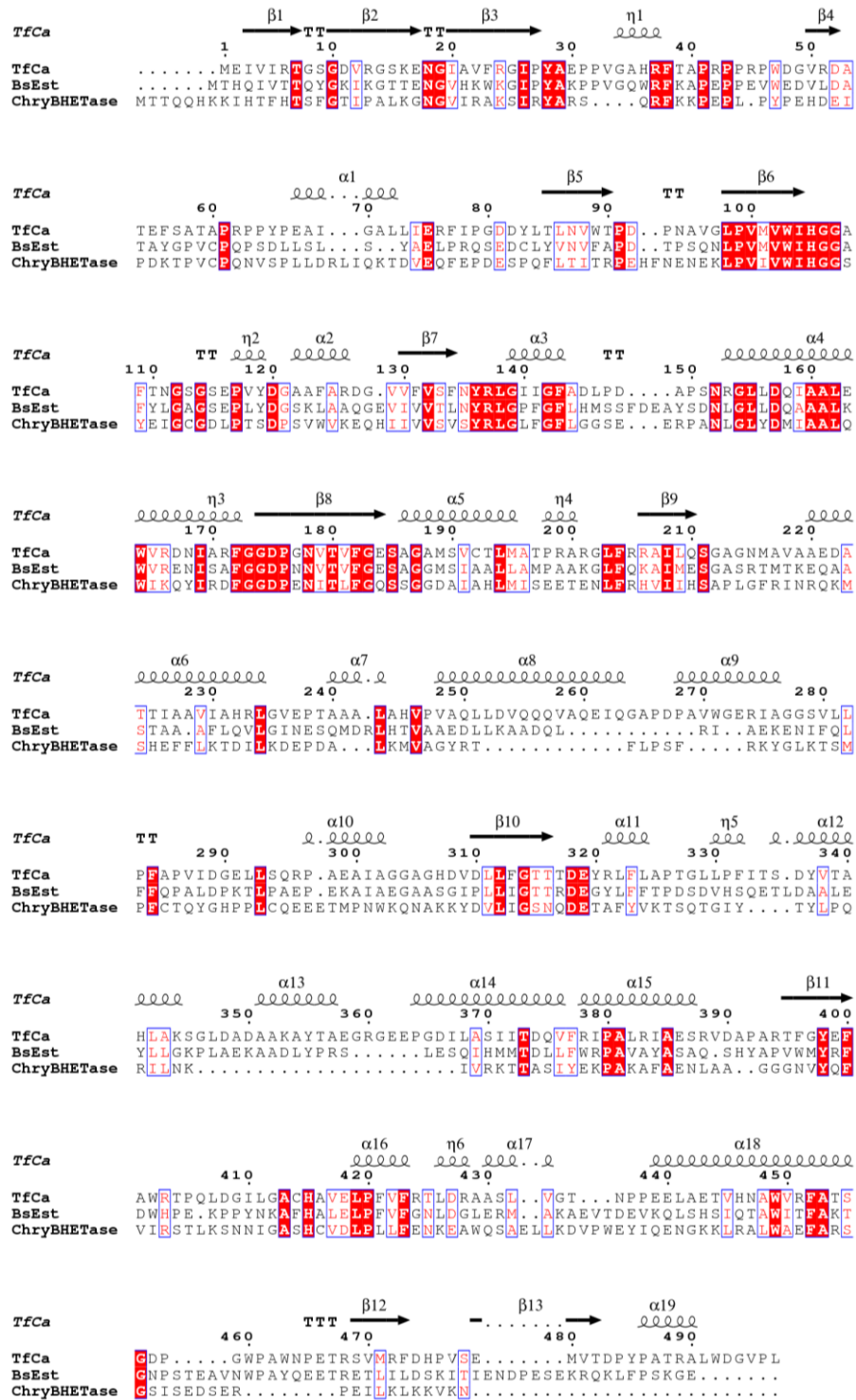
Supplementary Fig. 7 The substrate specificity of BsEst and ChryBHETase. (a) Specific activity of BsEst and ChryBHETase with different carbon chain lengths of *p*NPB (C₄), *p*NPC (C₈), and *p*NPP (C₁₂) as substrate. Reaction condition: the crude enzymes were incubated with *p*NPB, *p*NPC and *p*NPP in a buffer containing 50 mM Na₂HPO₄-NaH₂PO₄ (pH 7.5) at 40 °C. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements (n=3). (b) Substrate specificity of BsEst and ChryBHETase for other phenyl esters, glycerides, and tertiary alcohols. Abbreviation: GTO: Glycerol trioctanoate; PA: Phenyl acetate; 2-MA: 2-Methylbutyl acetate; LA: Linalyl acetate; GTB: Glycerol tributyrates; OO: Olive oil. The deeper the yellow, the greater the hydrolysis capacity. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 8 The activities of BSLA upon BHET. (a) 3D structure of BSLA. Red: the catalytic triad of BSLA. (b) The activities of BSLA upon BHET. Reaction condition: 5 mM BHET at 30 °C in pH 7.5 50 mM Na₂HPO₄-NaH₂PO₄ buffer for 24 h. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

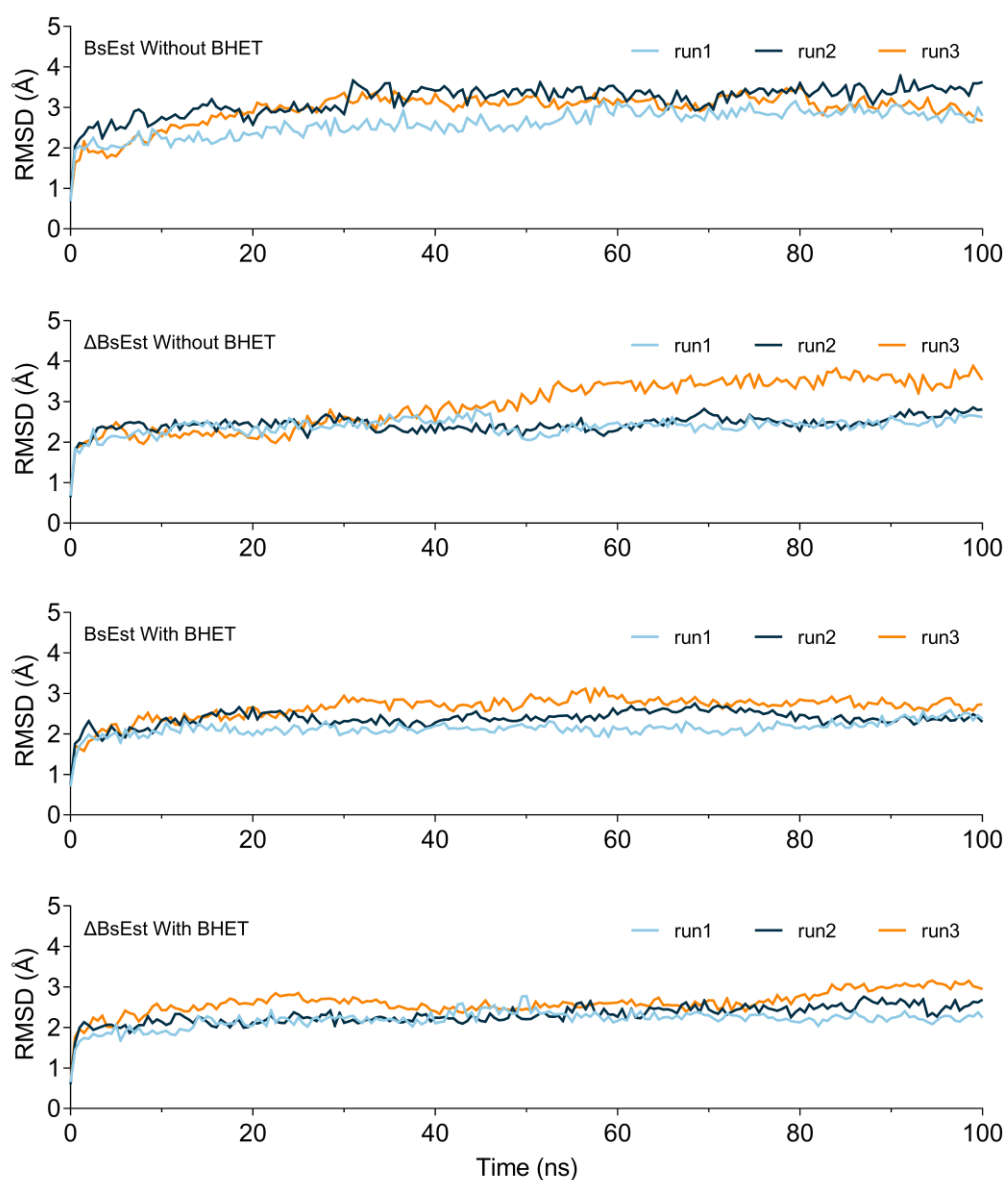


Supplementary Fig. 9 The comparison of BsEst and Bs2Est. (a) The activities of BsEst and Bs2Est (UniProtKB Accession: P37967) upon BHET. Reaction condition: 5 mM BHET at 30 °C in pH 7.5 buffer for 24 h. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file. (b) Differences in 3D structure between BsEst and Bs2Est. (c) Sequence alignment of BsEst and Bs2Est (95.7% amino acid identity).

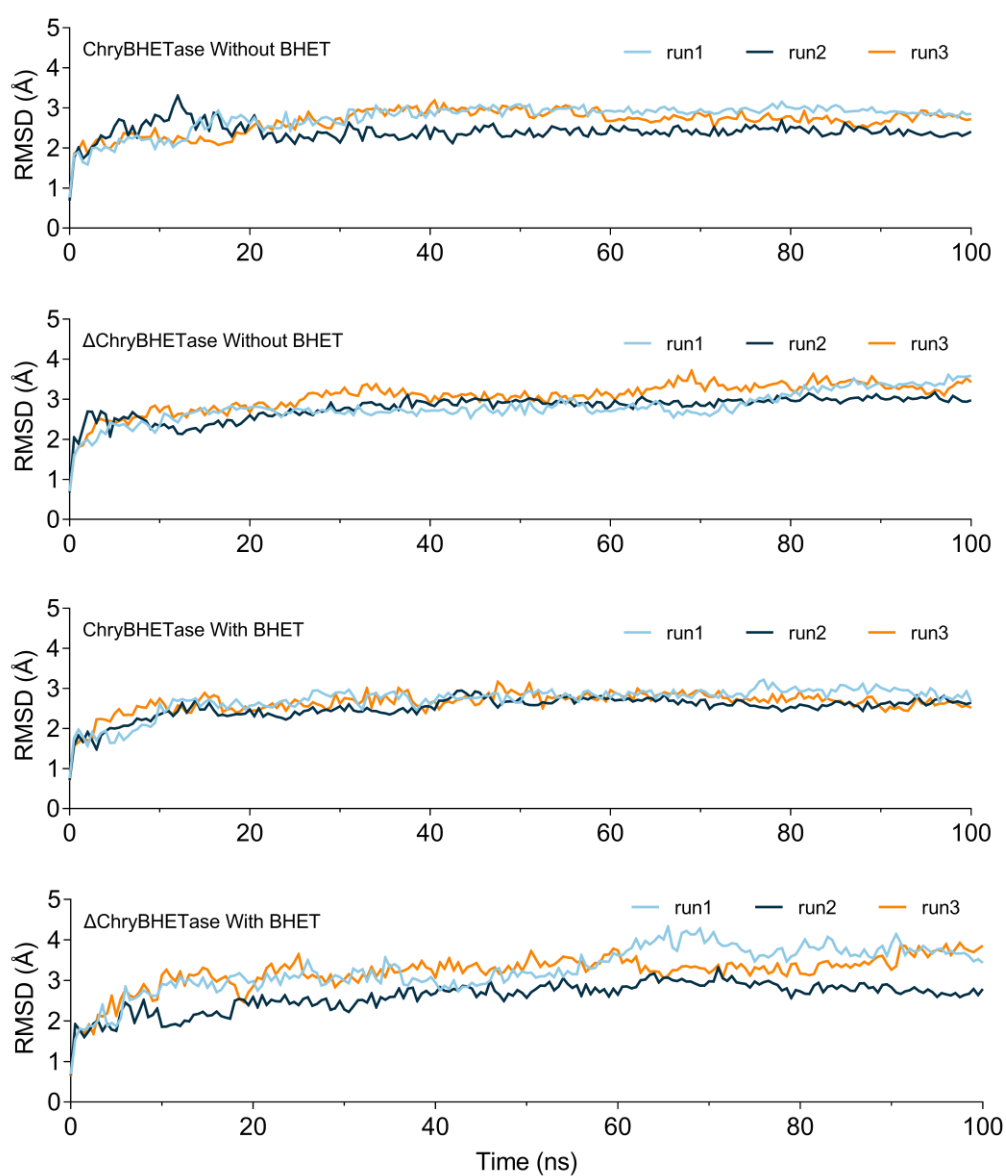


Supplementary Fig. 10 The sequence alignment of TfCa, BsEst and ChryBHETase.

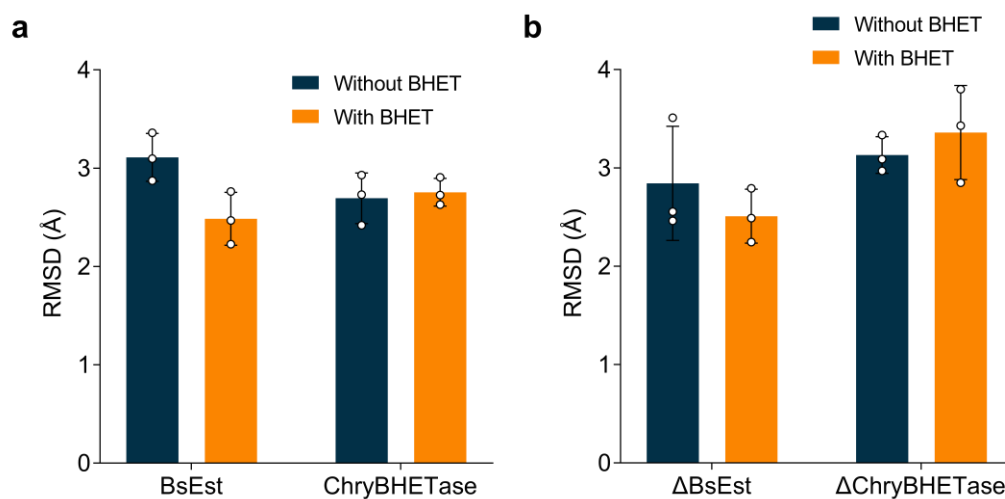
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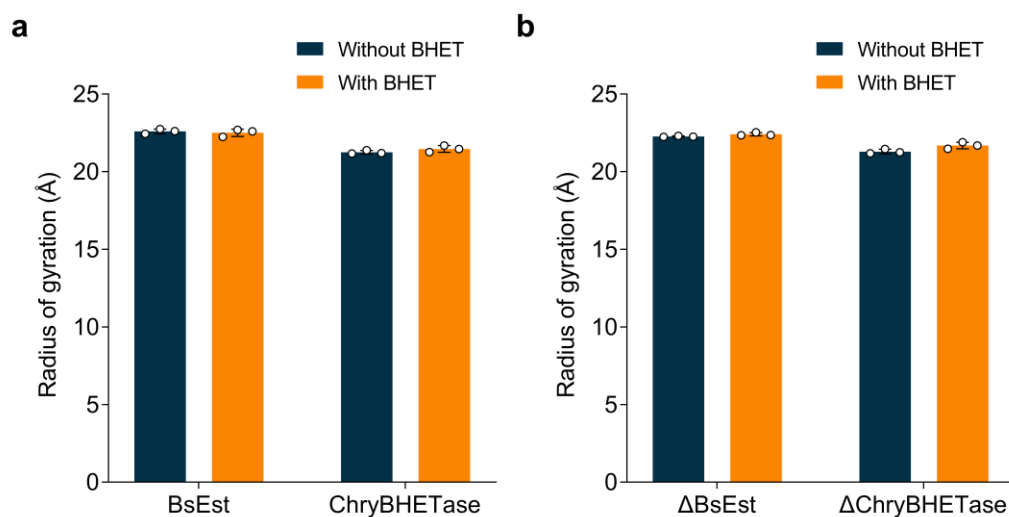
Supplementary Fig. 11 Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of BsEst and Δ BsEst backbone with respect to the initial structure as a function of time with/without BHET. Three independent MD runs for each simulation are shown (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



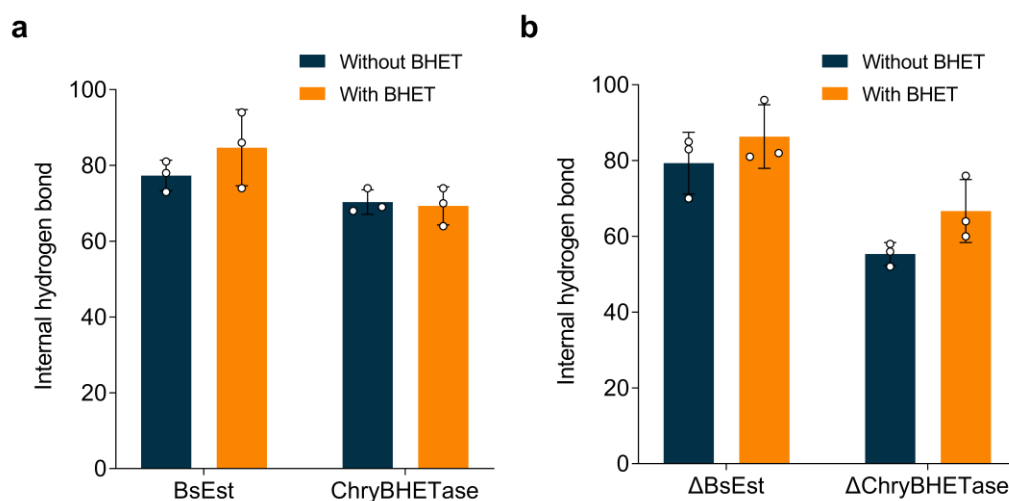
Supplementary Fig. 12 Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of ChryBHETase and Δ ChryBHETase backbone with respect to the initial structure as a function of time with/without BHET. Three independent MD runs for each simulation are shown (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



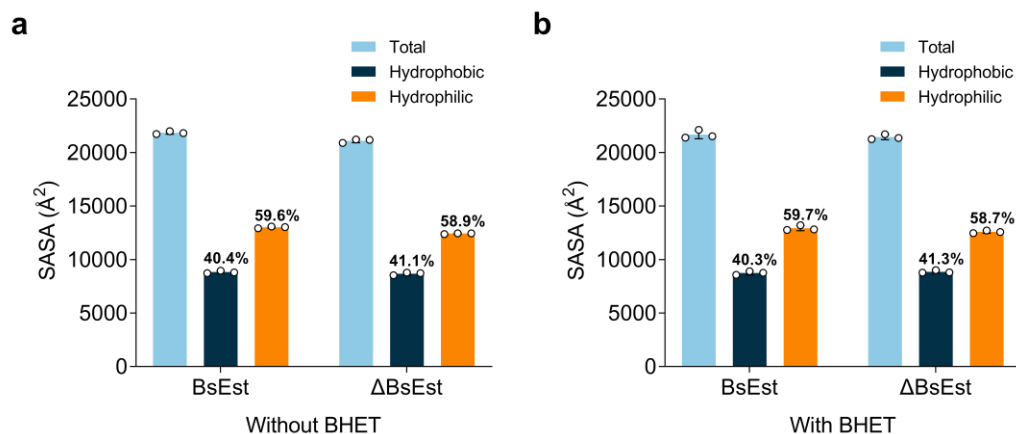
Supplementary Fig. 13 Time-average RMSD of (a) BsEst and ChryBHETase and (b) ΔBsEst and ΔChryBHETase determined from the last 40 ns with/without BHET. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



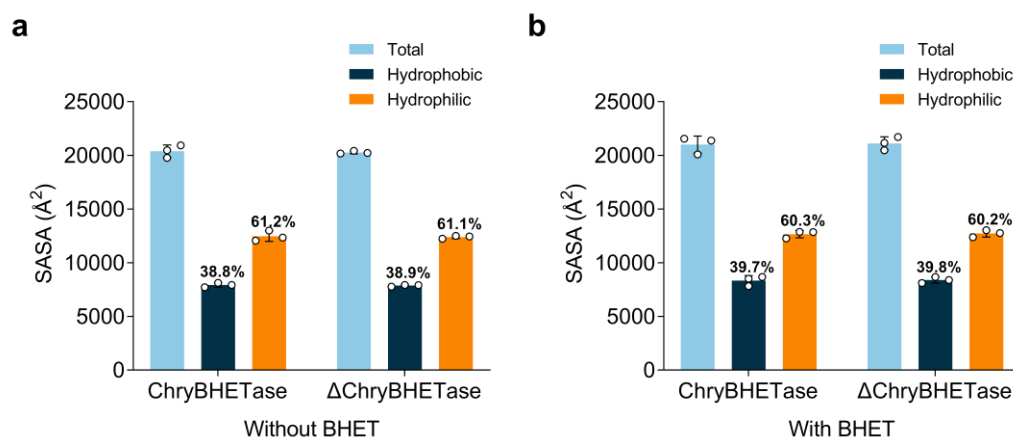
Supplementary Fig. 14 The radius of gyration (R_g) of (a) BsEst and ChryBHETase and (b) Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase determined from the last 40 ns with/without BHET. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs ($n=3$). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



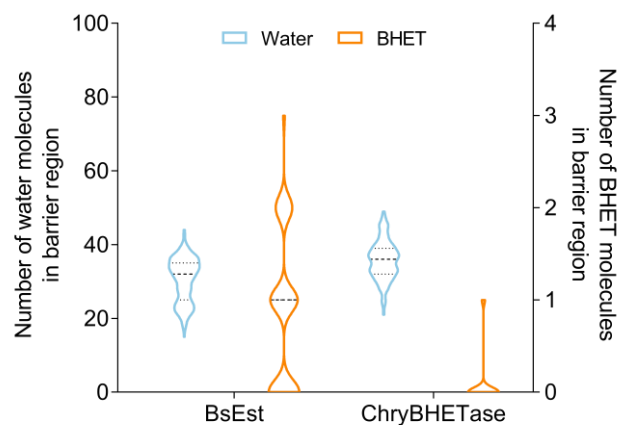
Supplementary Fig. 15 The number of internal hydrogen bonds of (a) BsEst and ChryBHETase and (b) ΔBsEst and ΔChryBHETase with > 95 % occupancy determined from the last 40 ns with/without BHET. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



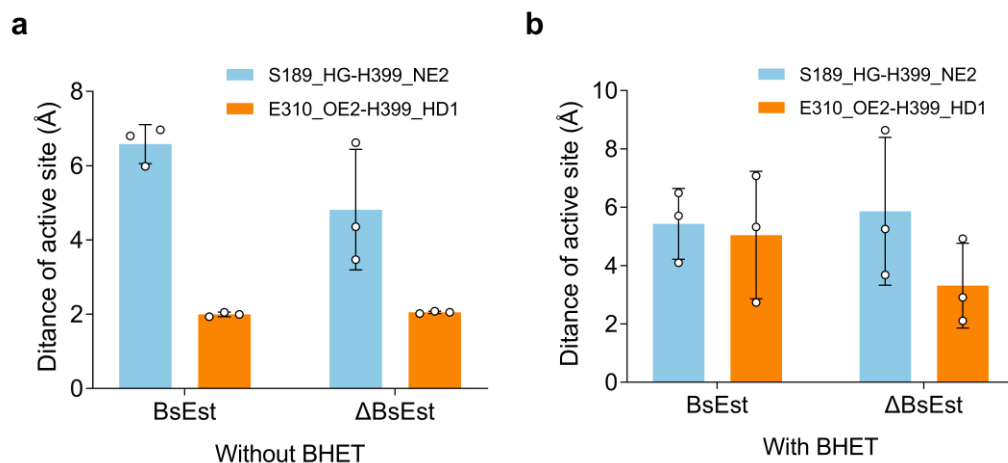
Supplementary Fig. 16 The time-averaged total SASA, hydrophobic SASA, and hydrophilic SASA of BsEst and ΔBsEst (a) without BHET and (b) with BHET determined from the last 40 ns. The percentage of hydrophobicity increased after the truncation of the enzyme. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



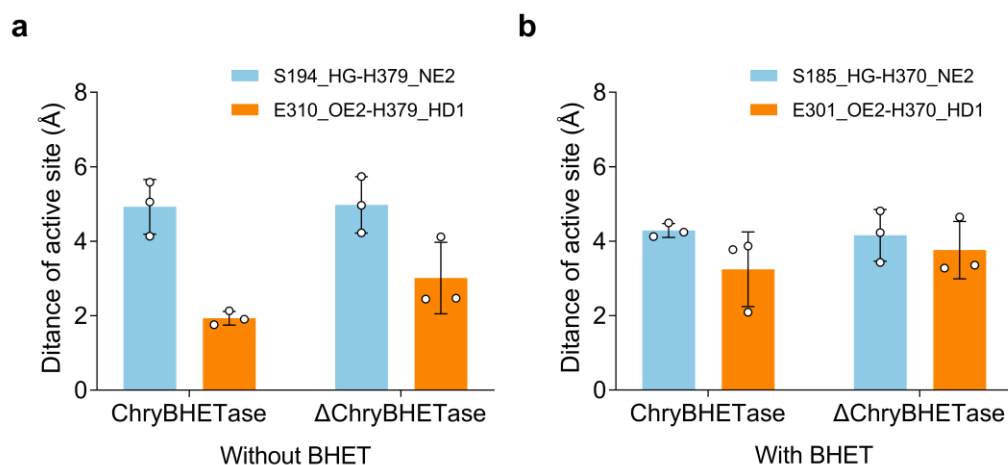
Supplementary Fig. 17 The time-averaged total SASA, hydrophobic SASA, and hydrophilic SASA of ChryBHETase and ΔChryBHETase (a) without BHET and (b) with BHET determined from the last 40 ns. The percentage of hydrophobicity increased after the truncation of the enzyme. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



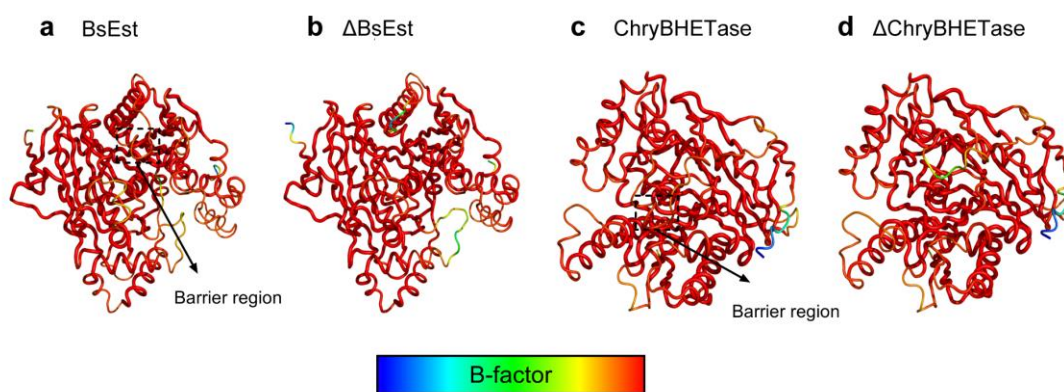
Supplementary Fig. 18 The number of BHET/water molecules in barrier region of BsEst and ChryBHETase. The dotted line represents the quartiles of the data and the middle dotted line represents the median. Data plotted from last 40 ns of three independent MD runs (n=243). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



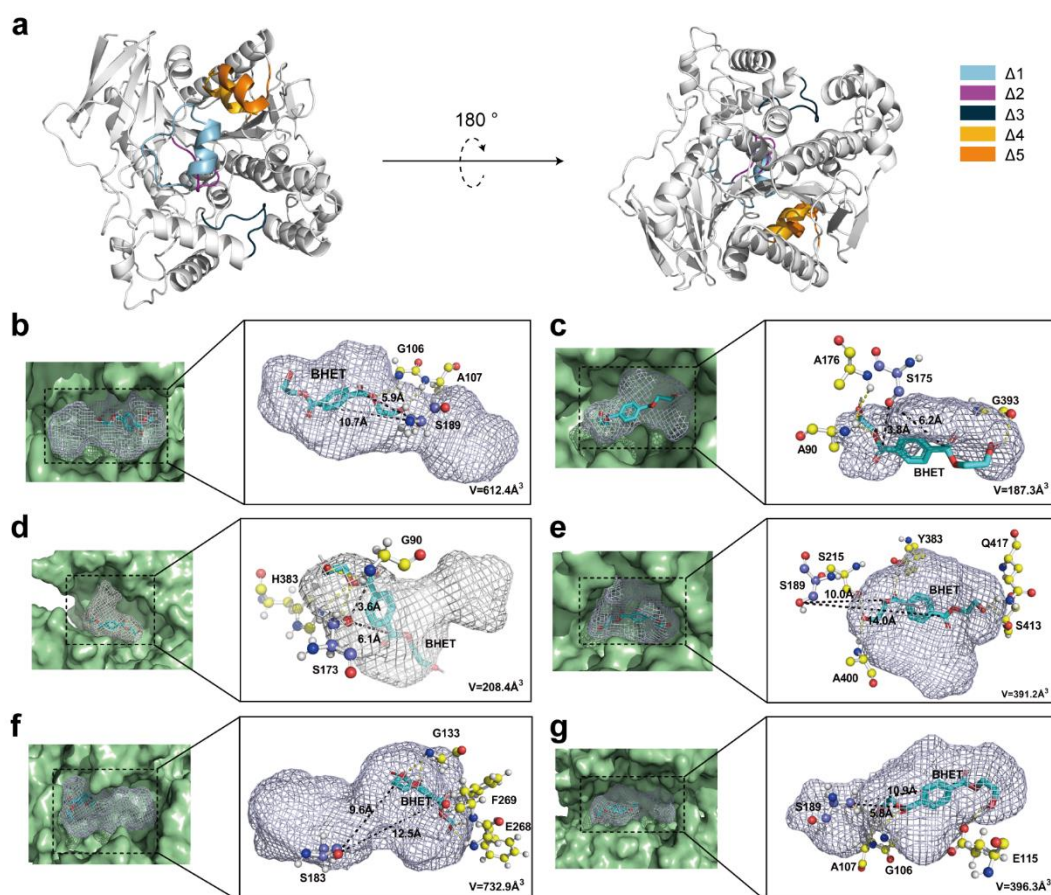
Supplementary Fig. 19 The distance of BsEst and Δ BsEst active site (a) without BHET and (b) with BHET. Light blue: the distance between the HG atom of Serine 189 and the NE2 atom of Histidine 399; Orange: the distance between the HD1 atom of Histidine 399 and the OE2 atom of Glutamic acid 310. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



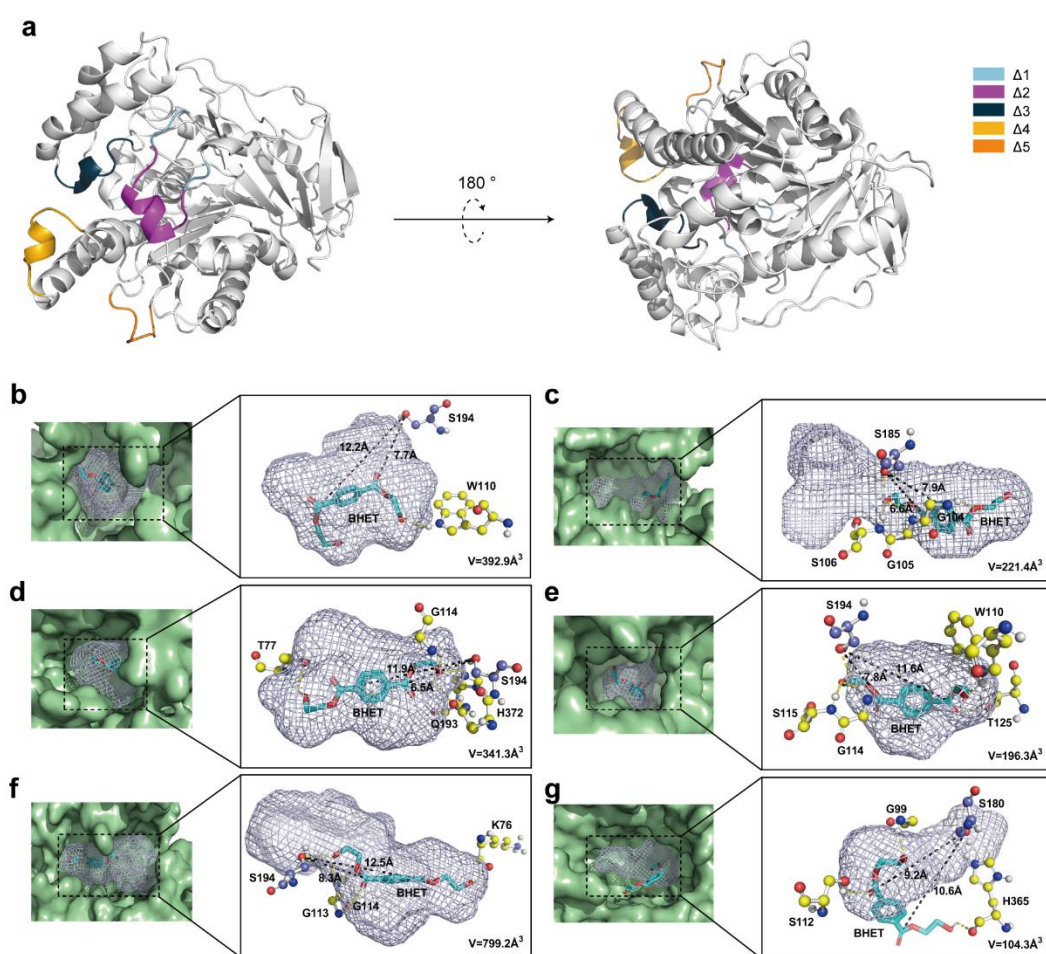
Supplementary Fig. 20 The distance of ChryBHETase and ΔChryBHETase active site (a) without BHET and (b) with BHET. Light blue: the distance between HG atom of Serine 194 and the NE2 atom of histidine 379; Orange: the distance between the OE2 atom of Glutamic acid 310 and the HD1 atom of histidine 379. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



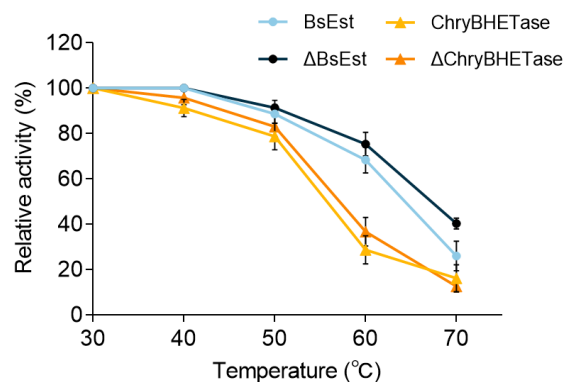
Supplementary Fig. 21 The B-factor of the optimal Δ BHETase and BHETase. (a) BsEst, (b) Δ BsEst. (c) ChryBHETase and (d) Δ ChryBHETase. Low B-factor in blue, high B-factor in red. The closer to red, the greater the flexibility.



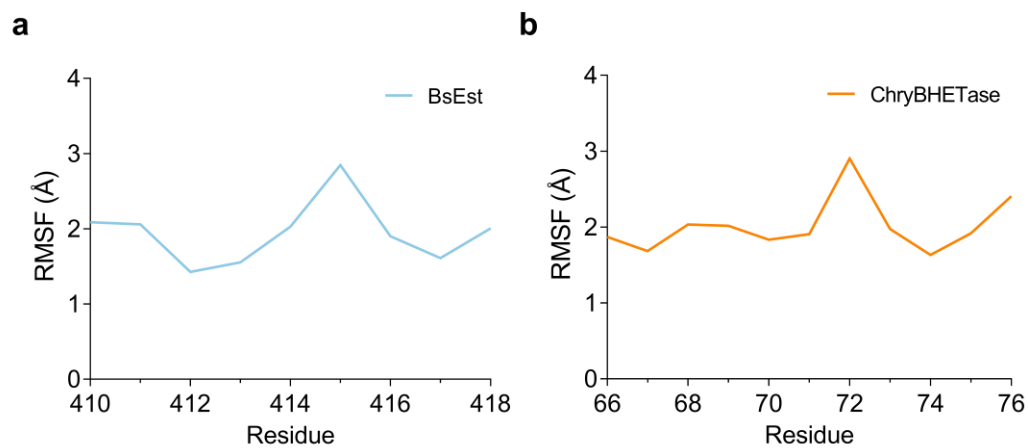
Supplementary Fig. 22 Binding mode analysis of BsEst and its truncated variants with BHET. (a) The overall structure of BsEst with five truncated sites. (b) Binding mode analysis of wide type BsEst. Five truncated variants were generated by deleting (c) V60-R77 (BsEst-Δ1), (d) G105-A112 (BsEst-Δ2), (e) K267-F275 (BsEst-Δ3), (f) L401-K418 (BsEst-Δ4) and (g) L410-K418 (BsEst-Δ5), respectively. Purple: the active sites. Yellow: the surrounding amino acids that form hydrogen bonds with BHET. BHET is colored with cyan stick.



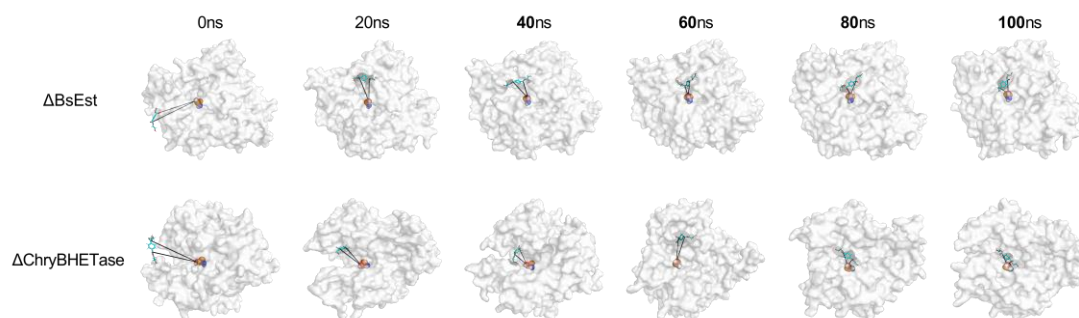
Supplementary Fig. 23 Binding mode analysis of ChryBHETase and its truncated variants with BHET. (a) The overall structure of ChryBHETase with five truncated sites. (b) Binding mode analysis of wide type ChryBHETase. Five truncated variants were generated by deleting (c) P63-D78 (ChryBHETase- $\Delta 1$), (d) V66-K76 (ChryBHETase- $\Delta 2$), (e) G267-F274 (ChryBHETase- $\Delta 3$), (f) Q319-P327 (ChryBHETase- $\Delta 4$) and (g) S368-G376 (ChryBHETase- $\Delta 5$), respectively. Purple: the active sites. Yellow: the surrounding amino acids that form hydrogen bonds with BHET. BHET is colored with cyan stick.



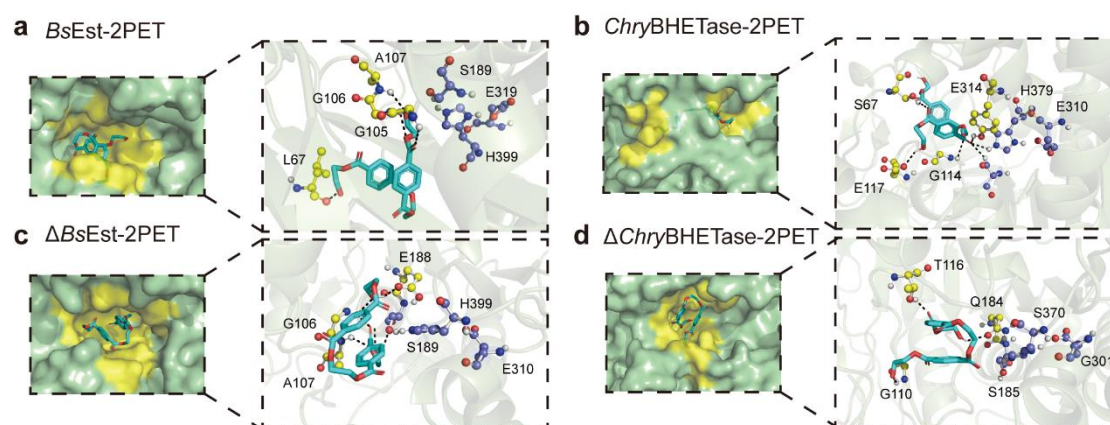
Supplementary Fig. 24 Thermostability of Δ BsEst, Δ ChryBHETase and their wide type from 30 °C to 70 °C. The residual activities were measured after 2 h of incubation and displayed as a relative percentage of their corresponding initial activities. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



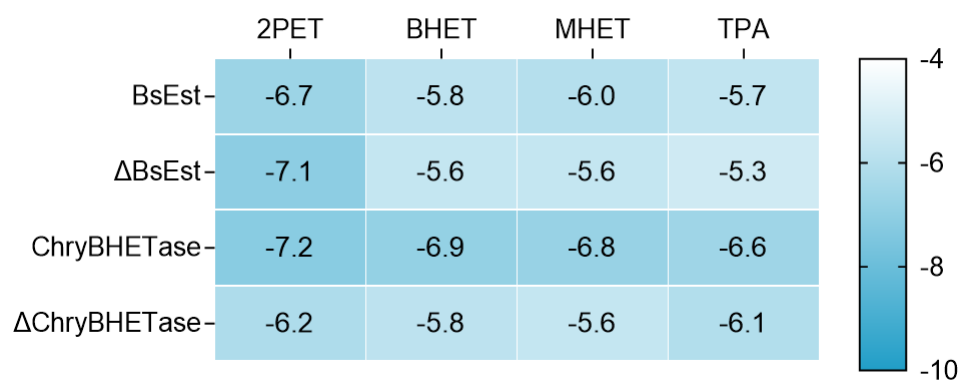
Supplementary Fig. 25 RMSF of (a) BsEst truncated region (residue L410 to K418) and (b) ChryBHETase truncated region (residue V66 to K76). Data plotted from the average of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



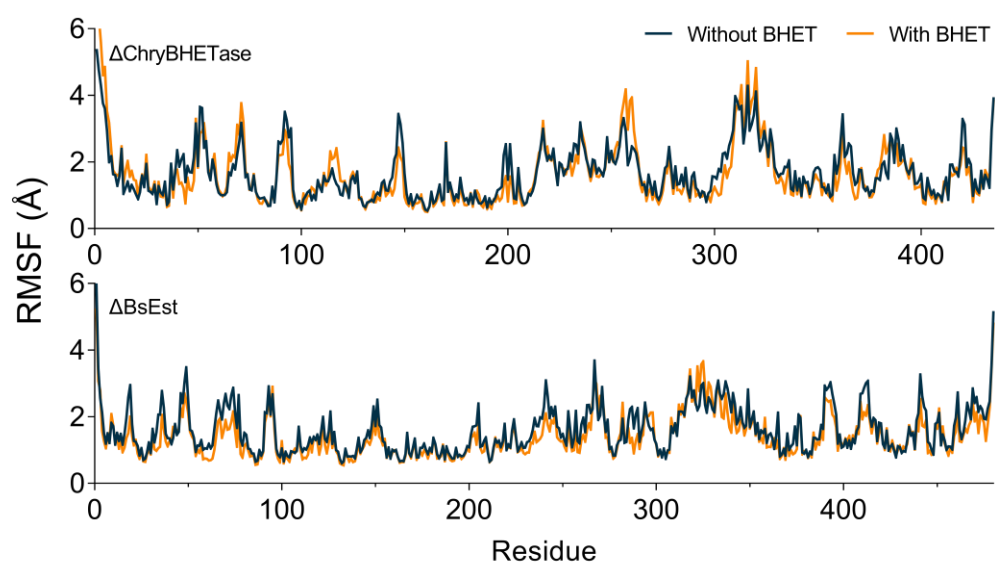
Supplementary Fig. 26 Changes in the position of overall structure of Δ BsEst and Δ ChryBHETase between the active sites and BHET from 0-100 ns. The active site was shown to spheres, and the BHET molecule was shown to sticks.



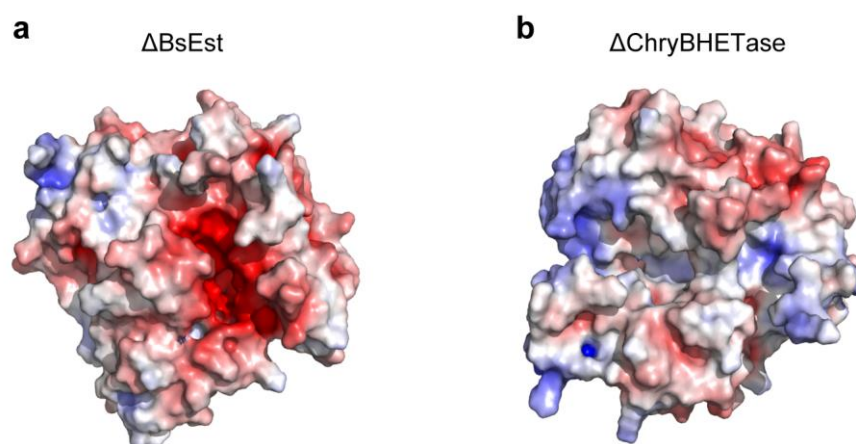
Supplementary Fig. 27 Binding mode analysis of Δ BsEst, Δ ChryBHETase and their wild type with 2PET. (a) BsEst; (b) Δ BsEst; (c) ChryBHETase, and (d) Δ ChryBHETase. Yellow: the surrounding residues with hydrogen bonding to 2PET. Purple: the catalytic triad. Black dashed line: hydrogen bonding forces.



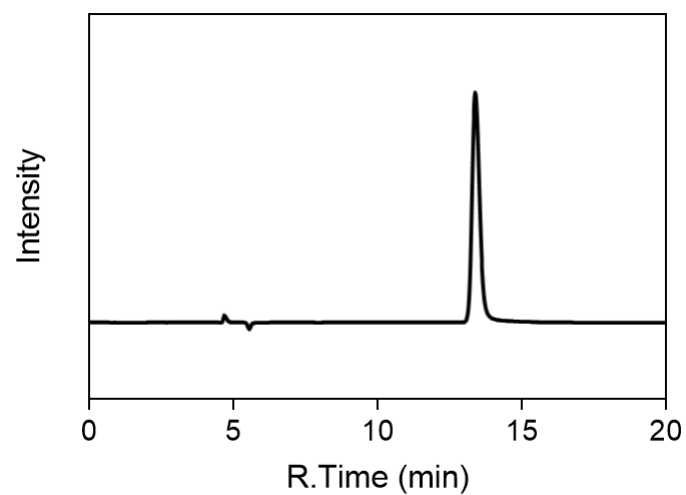
Supplementary Fig. 28 The binding energy results of different ligands (2PET, BHET, MHET, and TPA) with Δ BsEst, BsEst, Δ ChryBHETase and ChryBHETase in molecular docking.



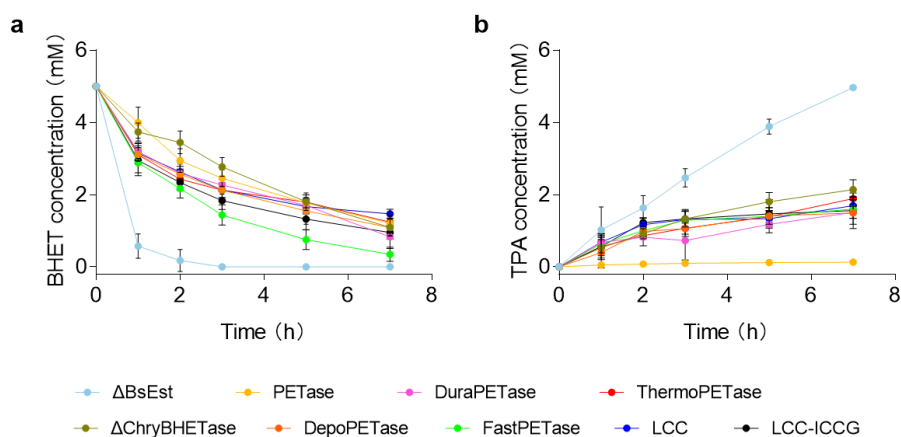
Supplementary Fig. 29 RMSF of ΔBsEst and $\Delta\text{ChryBHETase}$ residues determined from the last 40 ns of MD with/without BHET. Data plotted from the average of three independent MD runs. Data plotted from the average of three independent MD runs (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



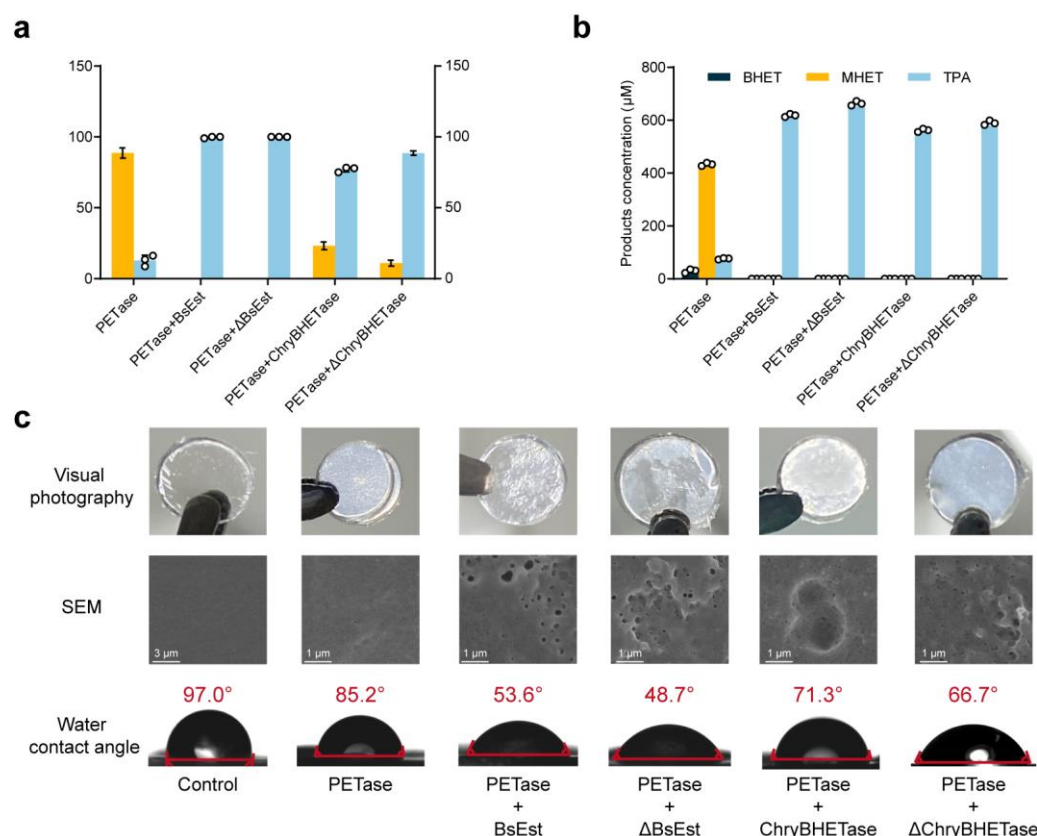
Supplementary Fig. 30 Electrostatic potential energy distribution of (a) Δ BsEst and (b) Δ ChryBHETase. The positive charge distribution is shown in blue. The negative charge distribution is shown in red and white in the neutral distribution. The regions within the dashed boxes are the truncated regions of BsEst and ChryBHETase. The electrostatic potential energy ranges from -5 to 5 kcal/mol with red to blue.



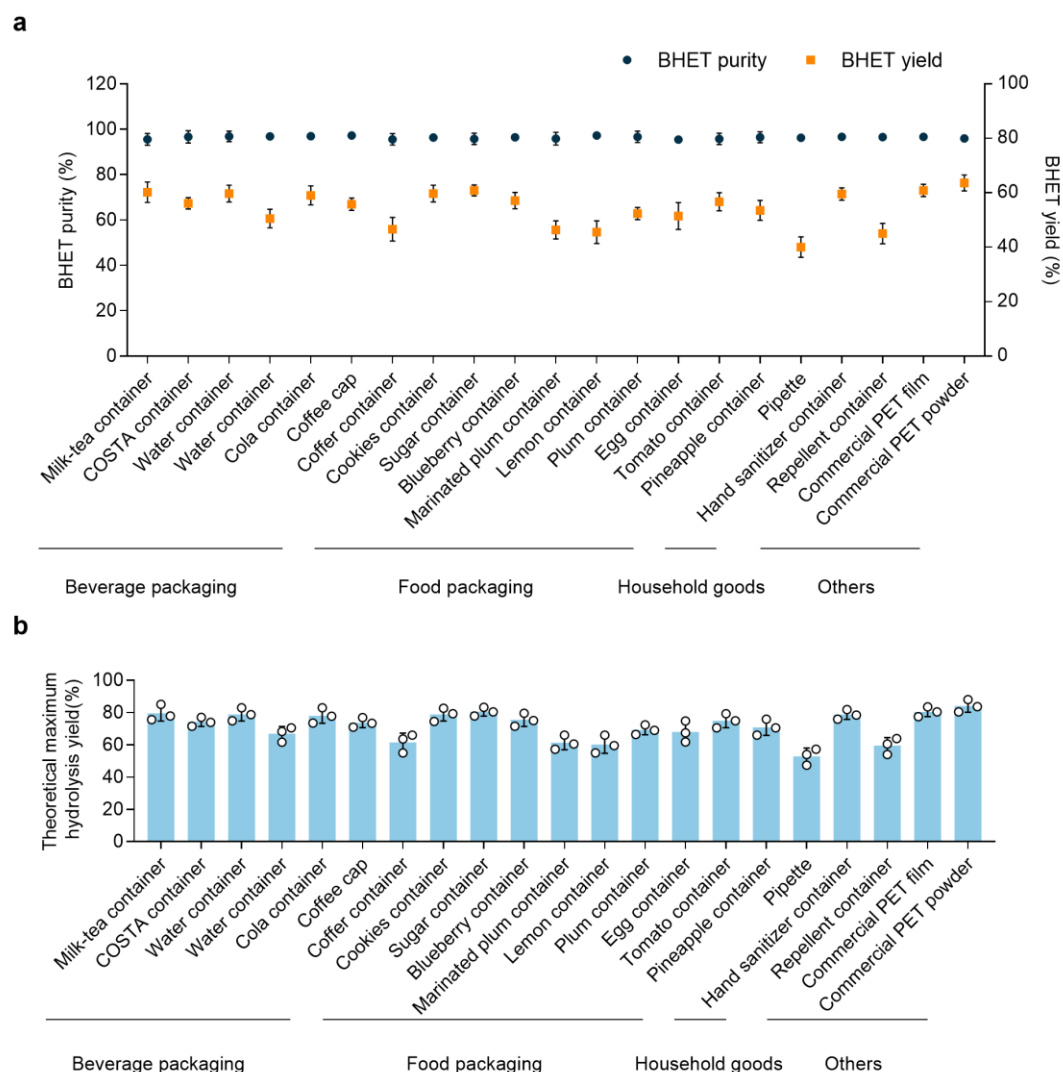
Supplementary Fig. 31 High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) data of homogeneous TPA. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 32 The reaction curve of Δ BHETases and other PET hydrolases. (a) Depletion curve of BHET as a substrate. (b) Generation curve of TPA as a terminal product. Reaction condition: 5 mM BHET and 0.5mg/mL Δ BHETases at 60 °C in pH 8.5 buffer for 7 h. TPA conversion rate of Δ BsEst is 31.6 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, Δ ChryBHETase is 14.4 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, DepoPETase is 10.2 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, FAST-PETase is 10.46 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, DuraPETase is 8.56 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, ThermoPETase is 10.44 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, LCC is 9.56 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}, and LCC-ICCG is 10.12 mM/h/mg_{enzyme}. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements (n=3). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



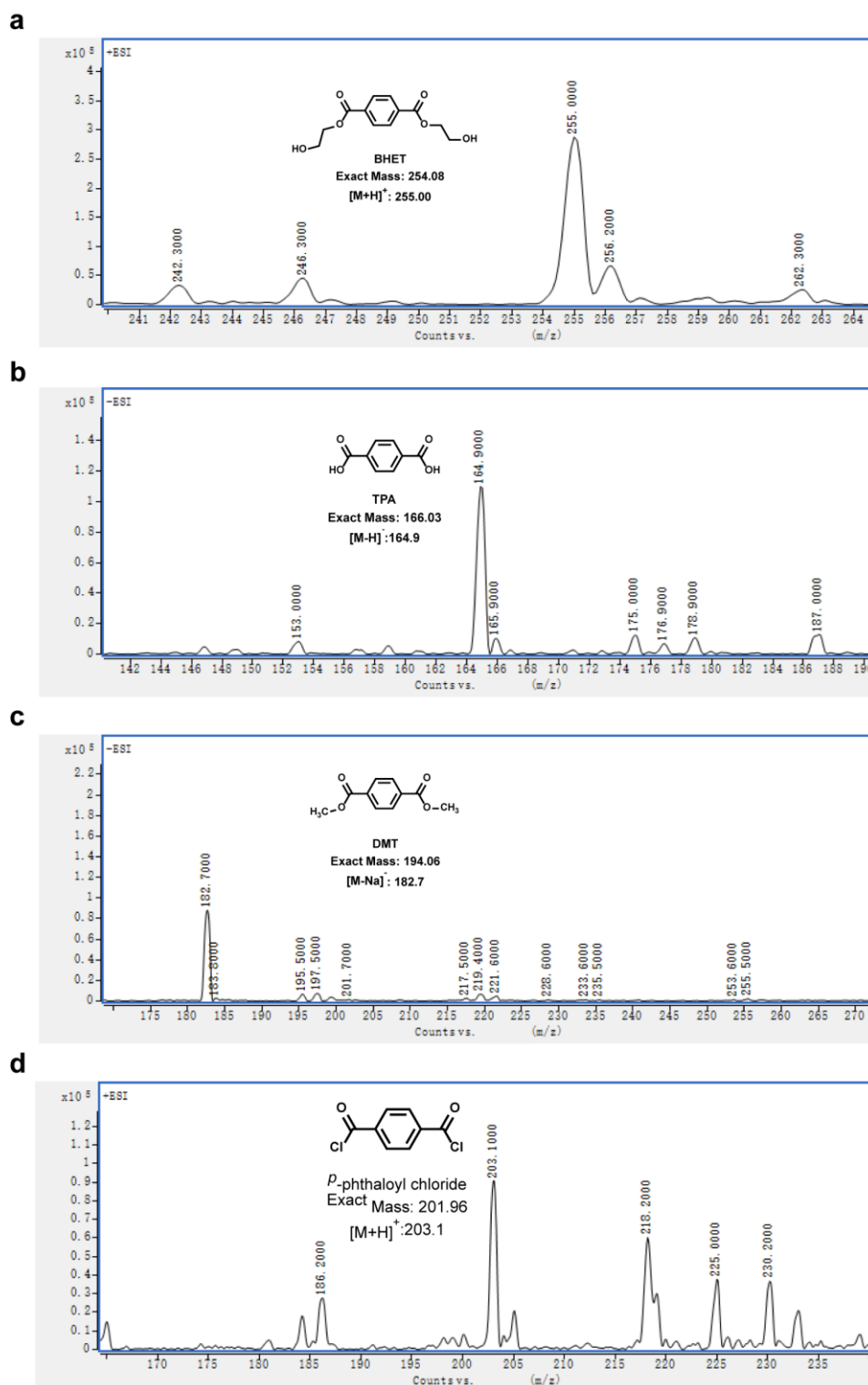
Supplementary Fig. 33 Two-enzyme degradation system consisting of PETase and ΔBHETase. The biodegradation performance of PETase and two-enzyme system towards **(a)** BHET and **(b)** PET film. Reaction condition: 5 mM BHET or PET films ($\phi=6$ mm) were soaked in 2940 μL of $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4\text{-NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ (pH 8.5, 50 mM) buffer at 30 °C with 50 μL of 0.5 mg/mL PET hydrolases and ΔBHETases for 24 h, respectively. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements **(c)** The visual photography (up panel) and SEM images (middle panel), and water contact angle analysis of the PET film after biodegradation. Results were reproduced three times independently; representative photography and micrographs are shown. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



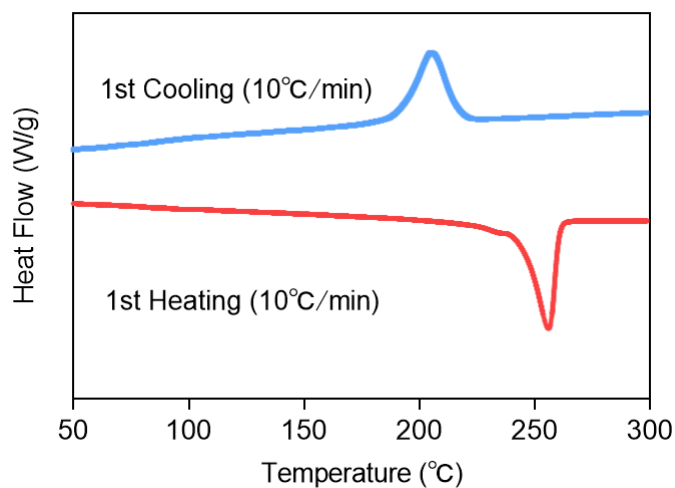
Supplementary Fig. 34 Depolymerization of commercial post-consumed PET products into BHET and upgrading of the pure monomers into a high-value derivative *p*-Phthaloyl chloride. (a) The BHET purity and BHET yield of 21 commercial post-consumed plastic products were obtained through chemical glycolysis. Reaction condition: the chemical glycolysis was performed at 210 °C for 3 h using K₂CO₃ as catalyst, and the pure BHET was obtained through filtration and recrystallization. (b) Theoretical maximum hydrolysis yield of TPA through a simple one-step chemical method. Reaction condition: 1.5 g of terephthalic acid, 4.4 g of thionyl chloride and 0.128 g of benzyl triethylammonium chloride (TEBAC) heated to reflux at 85 °C for 4

h. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation (s.d.) of three measurements ($n=3$).

Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 35 Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) data of BHET, TPA, and DMT. (a) LC-MS data of BHET by chemical glycolysis; (b) LC-MS data of TPA after enzymatic catalysis of truncated variants; (c) LC-MS data of DMT synthesized from TPA. (d) LC-MS data of *p*-phthaloyl chloride synthesized from TPA.



Supplementary Fig. 36 DSC trace of virgin PET regenerated from the degraded solutions. The crystallinity of this regenerated PET is 45.78%. The melting onset is 210.49 °C. The melting peak temperature is 255.99 °C. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1. Summary and classification of strains with over 55 µg/L MHET.

Genus	Strain NO.	Strains	Source	Plastic types
<i>Bacillus</i>	37, 70	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Bacillus</i>	39	<i>Bacillus aryabhattai</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Bacillus</i>	18	<i>Bacillus marisflavi</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Bacillus</i>	23	<i>Bacillus megaterium</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Klebsiella</i>	36, 51	<i>Klebsiella sp.</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Chryseobacterium</i>	29	<i>Chryseobacterium sp.</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	22	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	Landfill	PET
<i>Enterobacter</i>	46	<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>	Landfill	PET

Supplementary Table 2. The genome used to perform SSNs analysis in this study.

Strains	Homologous genome	Accession
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> PET-86	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> subsp. subtilis str. 168	CP053102
<i>Chryseobacterium sp.</i> PET-29	-	CP107053

Supplementary Table 3. Genome characteristics of strain *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29.

Characteristics	Value
Raw reads size (bp) in Illumina platform	6,639,316
Clean reads size (bp)	6,607,788
Sequencing depth	150
Total sequence length (bp) in Nanopore platform	1,000,002,109
GC content (%)	37.69
Chromosome size (bp)	
CDS in chromosome	3689
Total size (bp)	4,125,210
5S rRNAs	5
16S rRNAs	5
23S rRNAs	5
tRNAs	63
tmRNA	1
Protein coding genes	3645
Uniprot annotation (genome)	1664
COGs annotation (genome)	1246
GO annotation (genome)	1608
KEGG annotation (genome)	808
Tigrfam annotation (genome)	1868
Pfam annotation (genome)	2972
All annotated genes	3794

Supplementary Table 4. The enzyme in *Chryseobacterium* sp. PET-29 that are speculated to be involved in PET hydrolysis.

Suggested enzyme name	Protein ID
Non-hemolytic phospholipase C	assembly_03248
Lipase 2	assembly_03765
Pectinesterase A	assembly_03587
Trifunctional nucleotide phosphoesterase protein YfkN	assembly_03648
Carboxylesterase NlhH	assembly_03768
Rhamnogalacturonan acylesterase RhgT	assembly_03583
Carboxylesterase NlhH	assembly_03581
Pectinesterase A	assembly_03580
hamnogalacturonan acylesterase Rhg	assembly_03579
Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase/feruloyl esterase	assembly_03518
Acyl carrier protein phosphodiesterase	assembly_03472
Para-nitrobenzyl esterase	assembly_03435
RNA 2',3'-cyclic phosphodiesterase	assembly_03267
Putative esterase	assembly_03211
3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase CpdA	assembly_03028
Acyl-coenzyme A thioesterase PaaI	assembly_02385
Ferri-bacillibactin esterase BesA	assembly_02381
3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase CpdA	assembly_02268
Long-chain acyl-CoA thioesterase FadM	assembly_02188
Cocaine esterase	assembly_02039
Putative esterase	assembly_01895
Esterase YbfF	assembly_01871
Phosphoribosyl 1,2-cyclic phosphate phosphodiesterase	assembly_01778
3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase CpdA	assembly_01562
Putative esterase	assembly_01533
Rhamnogalacturonan acylesterase RhgT	assembly_01248
Acetylxyln esterase	assembly_01230
Carbohydrate acetyl esterase/feruloyl esterase	assembly_01137
Arylesterase	assembly_01099
Acetylxyln esterase	assembly_01081
Carbohydrate acetyl esterase/feruloyl esterase	assembly_01080
Chemotaxis response regulator protein-glutamate methylesterase	assembly_00986
Carbohydrate acetyl esterase/feruloyl esterase	assembly_00655
3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase CpdA	assembly_00188
Carboxylesterase 2	assembly_00100
3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase CpdA	assembly_00043
Glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase	assembly_00040

Supplementary Table 5. The enzymes in *Bacillus subtilis* PET-86 that are speculated to be involved in PET hydrolysis.

Enzyme name	Protein ID
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spore germination lipase LipC	QJR44868.1
patatin-like phospholipase family protein	QJR47032.1
phospholipase YtpA	QJR47633.1
glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase	QJR44671.1
enantioselective carboxylesterase CesB	QJR44682.1
acetylxyln esterase	QJR44774.1
surfactin biosynthesis thioesterase SrfAD	QJR44807.1
carboxylesterase	QJR45001.1
rhamnogalacturonan acetylerase	QJR45161.1
rhamnogalacturonan acetylerase	QJR45166.1
esterase EstB	QJR45288.1
glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase	QJR45406.1
esterase family protein	QJR45625.1
acyl-CoA thioesterase	QJR48713.1
metallophosphoesterase	QJR45784.1
metallophosphoesterase	QJR45855.1
2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 2'-phosphodiesterase	QJR46144.1
YbgC/FadM family acyl-CoA thioesterase	QJR46252.1
metallophosphoesterase	QJR46881.1
glycerophosphodiester phosphodiesterase	QJR46998.1
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acyl-CoA thioesterase	QJR47430.1
RNA 2',3'-cyclic phosphodiesterase	QJR47582.1
hotdog fold thioesterase	QJR47752.1
cyclic di-GMP phosphodiesterase	QJR47760.1
ferri-bacillibactin esterase BesA	QJR47784.1
carboxylesterase	QJR47945.1
para-nitrobenzyl esterase	QJR48005.1
esterase	QJR48472.1
metallophosphoesterase	QJR48582.1
cyclic-di-AMP phosphodiesterase GdpP	QJR48614.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR44576.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR44620.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR44657.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR44780.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR44821.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR45086.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR45310.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR45529.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR46411.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR46946.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR46965.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR47274.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR47274.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR47726.1
alpha/beta hydrolase	QJR47947.1

Supplementary Table 6. Common structural features of PET hydrolases.

Characterstics	Lipase	Esterase	Cutinase	PETase
Superfamily	α/β hydrolase	α/β hydrolase	α/β hydrolase	α/β hydrolase
Lid-domain	+	+	-	-
Catalytic triad (Ser-Asp/Glu-His)	+	+	+	+
Disulfide bonds/bridges	-	-	+	+
Substrate-binding cleft	Narrow/deep	Narrow/deep	Wide/shallow	Wide/shallow
PDB ID	1TCA, 2DSN, 1HQD, 3RLI, 1JI3, 1EX,9 2ZYH,1JFR,	5AH1, 5A2G, 6AID, 5D8M, 1Q3E,	4OYY, 3VIS, 4WFJ, 1CUS, 5LUJ, 3DCN, 3GBS, 4CG1, 4EB0, 1CEX,	5XG0

Supplementary Table 7. Twenty-nine reported PET hydrolases are used to sequence similarity networks.

No.	Reported PET hydrolases	Ref
1	PETase(5XGO)	7
2	SvCut (4WFI)	20
3	BTA-hydrolase 1	21
4	BTA-hydrolase 2	21
5	Thh_Est	22
6	Thf42_Cut1	23
7	SeL (1JFR)	24
8	Est119 (3VIS)	25
9	Tcur0390	26
10	PaPL (6SBN)	27
11	Ta_cut (6AID)	28
12	Tcur1278	29
13	Cut190(7CTS)	30
14	Thc_Cut2 (5LUL)	31
15	Cutinase (4CG1)	32
16	Tha_Cut1	33
17	LCC (4EB0)	34
18	Cutinase (4OYY)	35
19	Cutinase (1CUS)	36
20	Cutinase (3DCN)	37
21	Cutinase (3GBS)	38
22	Cutinase (1CEX)	39
23	Bs2Est (1QE3)	6
24	Chath_Est1(5A2G)	5
25	Lipase (2DSN)	40
26	Cbotu_EstA(5AH1)	41
27	Lipase (1JI3)	42
29	Lipase (1HQD)	43
29	Lipase (1EX9)	44

Supplementary Table 8. Information of enzymes cloned in this study

Enzyme	Strain	Abbreviation	AA ^a	Catalytic Triad Residues
para-nitrobenzyl esterase	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> PET-86	BsEst	489	S189-E310-H399
para-nitrobenzyl esterase	<i>Chryseobacterium sp.</i> PET-29	ChryBHETase	445	S194-E310-H379

^a Sequence information for all enzymes is available in Supplementary Information.

Supplementary Table 9. Half-life of BHETases and Δ BHETases at different temperatures^a.

	50 °C	55 °C	60 °C	65 °C	70 °C
BsEst	89.64±4.12 h	62.36±6.63 h	33.07±2.57 h	7.88±0.67 h	0.65±0.04 h
Δ BsEst	90.07±4.99 h	60.36±2.04 h	38.23±2.19 h	9.57±0.74 h	0.97±0.13 h
ChryBHETase	1.81±0.15 h	0.40±0.04 h	0.17±0.03h	0.10±0.02 h	0.04±0.01 h
Δ ChryBHETase	1.92±0.47 h	0.66±0.04 h	0.18±0.03 h	0.09±0.01 h	0.05±0.01 h

^a All reactions were carried out in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.5) at 30 °C using BHET as substrate. Among them, the purified proteins were stored separately at 50-70°C (at 5°C intervals) before detecting enzyme activity. The values were averaged from three replicates (n=3) with the standard deviation (s.d.). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 10. Summary of calculated observables during MD simulation.

Descriptor	Location	Observables	Results
Geometrical property	Overall protein	Time-averaged RMSD	S13a, S13b
		Time-averaged Rg	S14a, S14b
		Internal H-bond	S15a, S15b
		Total SASA	S16a, S16b, S17a, S17b
		Hydrophobic SASA	
		Hydrophilic SASA	Fig 2h, S25
		RMSF of residue	
	Barrier region	B-factor	S21
	SBC	Electrostatic potential energy distribution	Fig 2g, S30
		RMSF	S29
Active site		Distance of Ser189-HG with His399-NE2	S19a, S19b
		Distance of Glu310-OE2 with His399-HD1	
		Distance of Ser194-HG with His379-NE2	S20a, S20b
		Distance of Glu310-OE2 with His379-HD1	
Solvation phenomenon	Overall protein	Spatial distribution of BHET and water	Fig 3b
	Barrier region	Number of BHET/water molecule	S18
	Active site	Number of BHET/water molecule	Fig 2i, 4g, and 4h
Distance of BHET with active site		Fig 4c-f and S26	
In total		20	

Supplementary Table 11. Twenty-one commercial post-consumed plastic products collected in this study ^a.

Category	Sample number	Post-consumer plastic products	Initial mass (g)	Crystallinity %
Beverage packaging	#1	Milk-tea container	5.00	6.39
	#2	COSTA container	5.00	12.30
	#3	Water container	5.00	2.70
	#4	Water container	5.00	4.40
	#5	Cola container	5.00	1.72
	#6	Coffee cap	5.00	2.89
	#7	Coffer container	5.00	10.76
Food packaging	#8	Cookies container	5.00	5.37
	#9	Sugar container	5.00	5.59
	#10	Blueberry container	5.00	38.73
	#11	Marinated plum container	5.00	0.07
	#12	Lemon container	5.00	5.39
	#13	Plum container	5.00	15.15
	#14	Egg container	5.00	5.42
	#15	Tomato container	5.00	7.23
	#16	Pineapple container	5.00	5.03
	#17	Pipette	5.00	3.31
Household goods packaging	#18	Hand sanitizer container	5.00	13.71
	#19	Repellent container	5.00	2.51
Others	#20	Commercial PET film	5.00	4.46
	#21	Commercial PET powder	5.00	1.54

^a21 different post-consumed plastic products used in the packaging of food, beverages, medications, office supplies, household goods, and cosmetics available at local grocery store chains. The crystallinity % of the intact pc-PET films was determined by DSC. All measurements were conducted in triplicate (n = 3), and the mean values were presented.

Supplementary Table 12. The primers of target gene cloning and pET-22b(+) vector.

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>BS</i> -F	GCGATGGCCATGGATATCATGACTCATCAAATAG
<i>BS</i> -R	CTCGAGTGCGGCTTCTCCTTTGAAGGGAATA
<i>BS</i> -pET-22b-F	AAGCCGCACTCGAGCACCACCACCACCACCTGAGAT
<i>BS</i> -pET-22b-R	CATGATATCCATGGCCATCGCCGGCTGGGCAGCGA
<i>Chry sp.</i> -F	TGGATATCATGACAACACAGCAACACAAGAAAATC
<i>Chry sp.</i> -R	TGCTCGAGTGCGGCATTCTTAACCTTTTTTAAGC
<i>Chry sp.</i> -pET-22b-F	AATGCCGCACTCGAGCACCACCACCACCACCTGAGA
<i>Chry sp.</i> -pET-22b-R	TGTTGTCATGATATCCATGGCCATCGCCGGC

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