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**Activity, stability and 3-D structure of the Cu(II) form of a
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*Bacillus amyloliquefaciens***

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Supporting Information

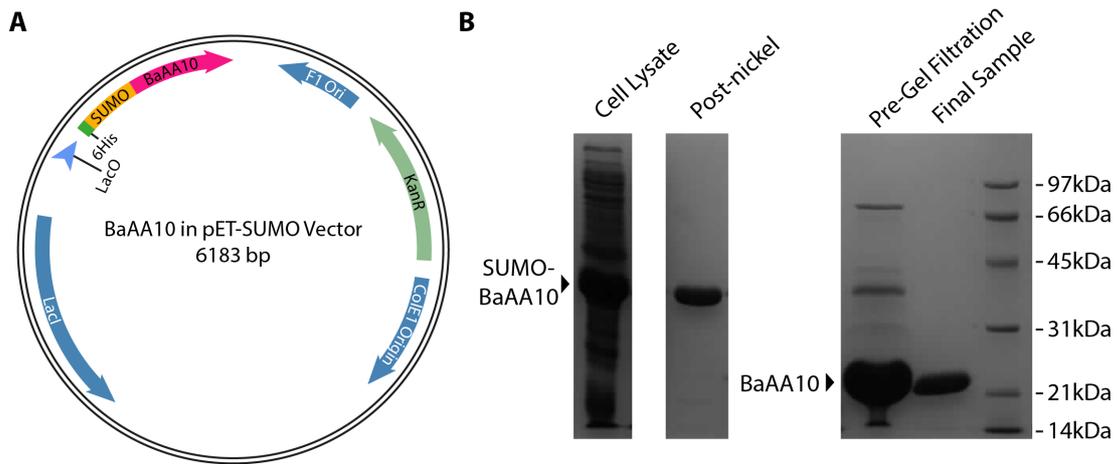


Figure S1. (A) representation of the Champion-pETSUMO(*BaAA10*) vector. The plasmid encodes the *BaAA10* protein (pink arrow) with a SUMO-tag (orange region) attached at its N-terminus. (B) SDS-PAGE gel illustrating the purification of *BaAA10* from cell lysis to the final pure sample with SUMO tag removed. The expected molecular weight for *BaAA10* is 19.2 kDa and it must be noted that LPMO proteins often run at a molecular weight slightly larger than their estimated values on SDS-PAGE gels. (This image derives from a single gel but lanes have been removed for clarity).

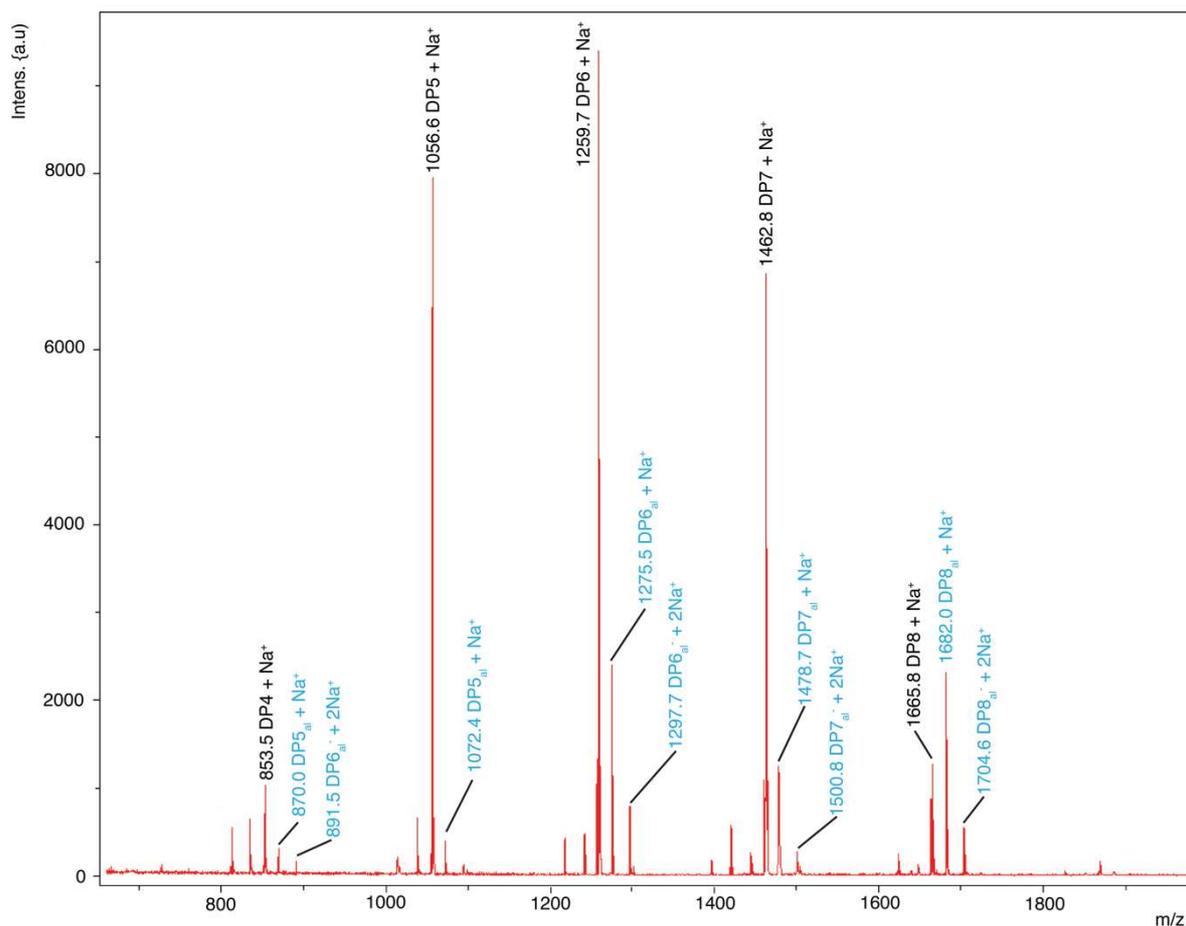


Figure S2. MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrum of the breakdown of alpha chitin from crab shells. The aldonic acid products resulting from oxidative breakdown by *BaAA10* can be seen labelled with blue labels (DPn_{ald}), however these are overshadowed by the presence of chitooligosaccharides indicated by black labels (DPn), which may already be present in the crab chitin sample.

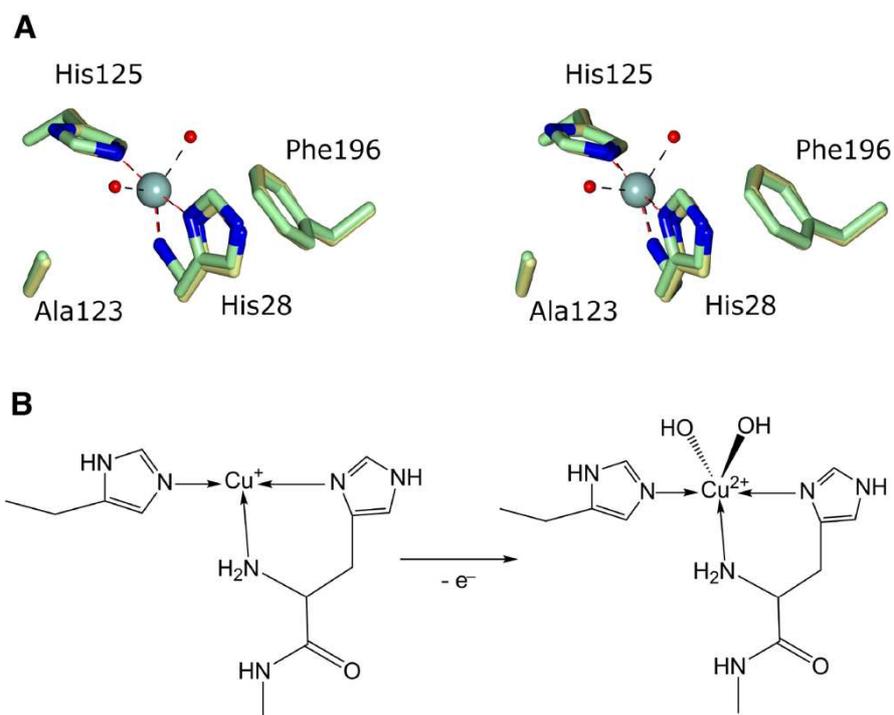


Table S1. *BaAA10* Crystallization

Method	Microseeding
Plate type	SWISSCI MRC 96-well Crystallisation Plate
Temperature (K)	19.5 °C
Protein concentration	4.7 mg/ml
Buffer composition of protein solution	20 mM NaOAc pH 5.0; 250 mM NaCl
Composition of reservoir solution	0.1 M NaOAc pH 5.0; 20 % PEG-6000; 0.2 M CaCl ₂
Volume and ratio of drop	0.25 : 0.30 : 0.05 µl (Reservoir solution : protein : seed bead stock solution)
Volume of reservoir	54 µl

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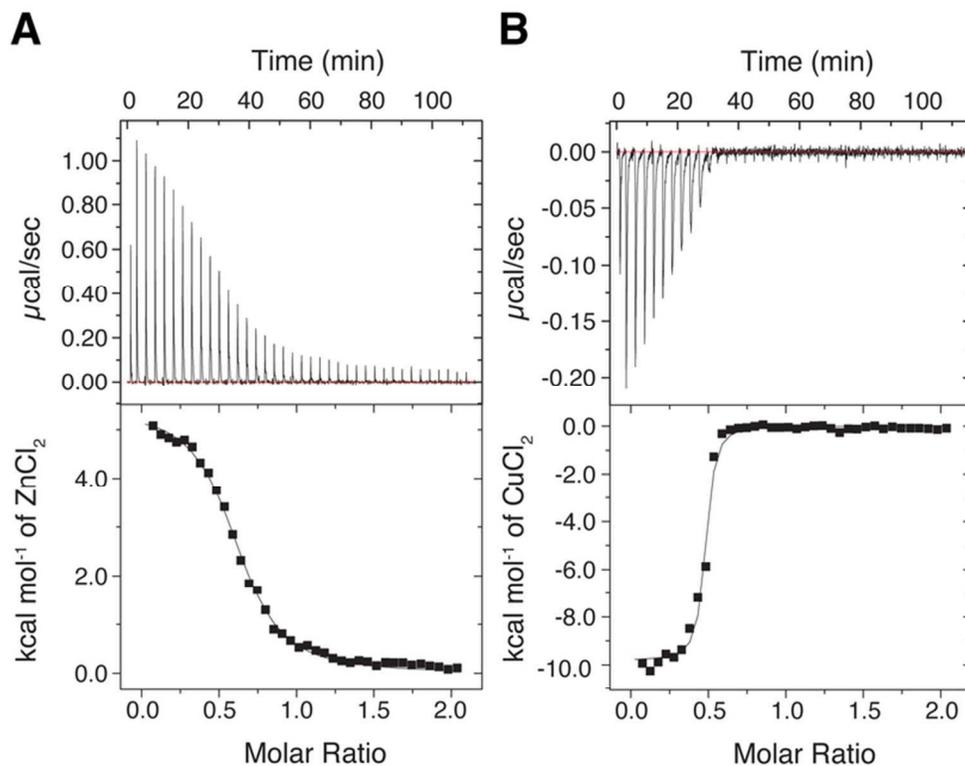


Figure 2. (A) Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) plot of Zn²⁺ binding to *BaAA10* at pH 5, to obtain parameters to be used for the Cu²⁺ displacement reaction. The concentration of the protein (*BaAA10*) inside the cell was 200 μM and the concentration of ZnCl₂ was 2 mM. **(B)** The Cu²⁺ displacement result carried out at pH5, whereby the concentration of Cu(II)Cl₂ titrated into the cell was 500 μM.!! †

Figure 2
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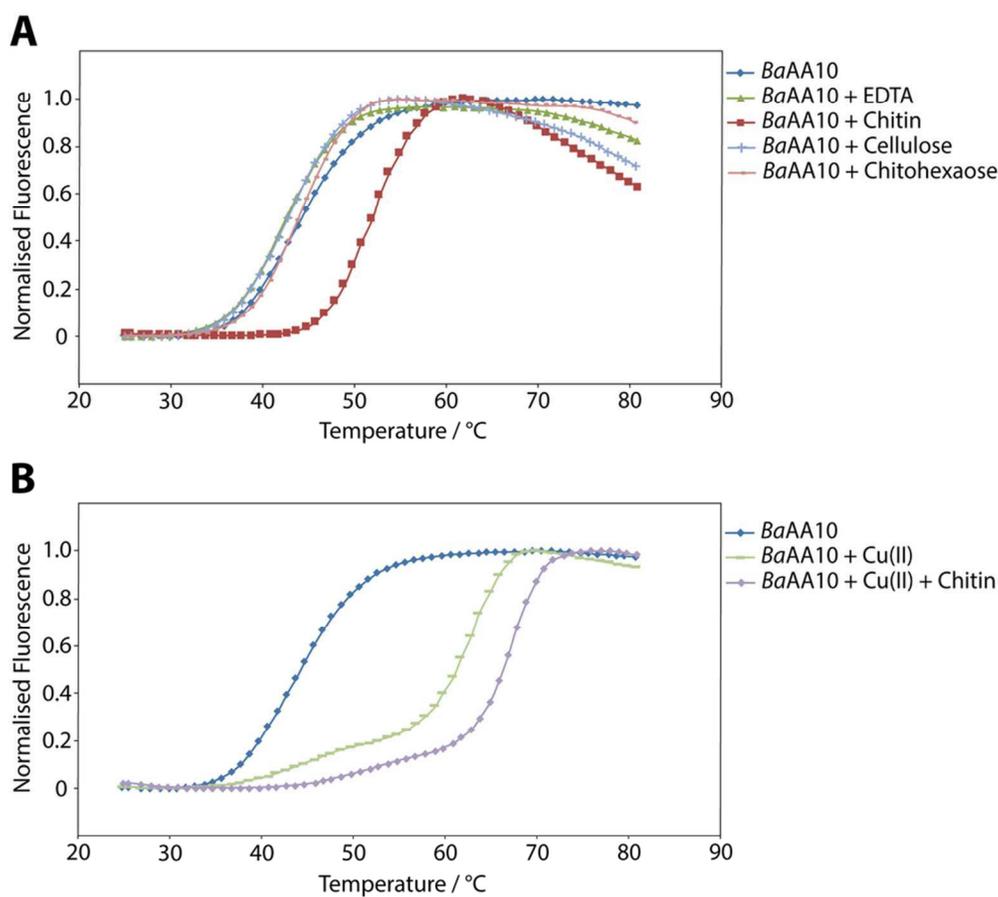


Figure 3. Denaturation curves displaying the normalised fluorescence against temperature for: **(A)** $BaAA10$ with a variety of ligands including EDTA, chitin, cellulose and chitohexaose, and **(B)** $BaAA10$ with copper and chitin as the substrate. The corresponding melting temperatures (T_m) determined in analysis were: $BaAA10 = 43.6$ °C, $BaAA10 + EDTA = 41.8$ °C, $BaAA10 + Chitin = 51.9$ °C, $BaAA10 + Cellulose = 42.9$ °C, and $BaAA10 + Chitohexaose = 44.2$ °C, $BaAA10 + Cu^{2+} = 65.2$ °C, $BaAA10 + Cu^{2+} + Chitin = 68.7$ °C.

Following the initial melting of the protein the fluorescence is observed to decrease again at higher temperatures. This is likely the result of protein aggregation following protein unfolding. As the exposed hydrophobic residues come together during aggregation, the SYPROorange dye is displaced resulting in a loss of fluorescence.

Figure 3
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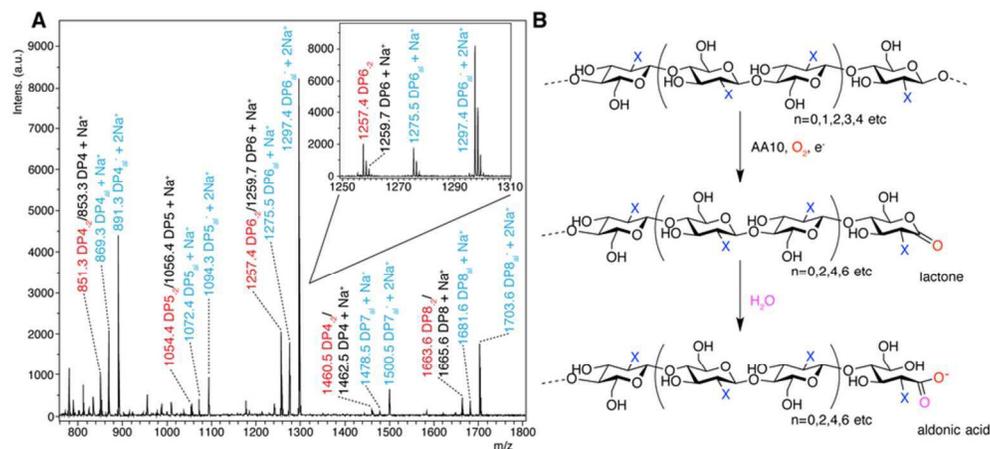


Figure 4. (A) MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry analysis of the action of *BaAA10* on β -chitin from squid pen. The spectrum shows varying degrees of polymerisation detected as products, with DPn indicating native oligosaccharides coloured black, DPn₋₂ in red indicating the lactone, and DPn₋₁ showing aldonic acids coloured blue. A closer look at the individual ion peaks for the DP6 peaks are shown inlaid. (B) Schematic diagram showing the AA10 catalysed C1 oxidation of oligosaccharides (X=NHAc, for chito oligosaccharides) to yield lactones and their ring-opened aldonic acids, following the action of an AA10 enzyme in the presence of oxygen and a source of electrons for the reduction of the AA10. n denotes the most common number of repeating units (bound by parentheses) observed for AA10 LPMO reaction products.

Figure 4
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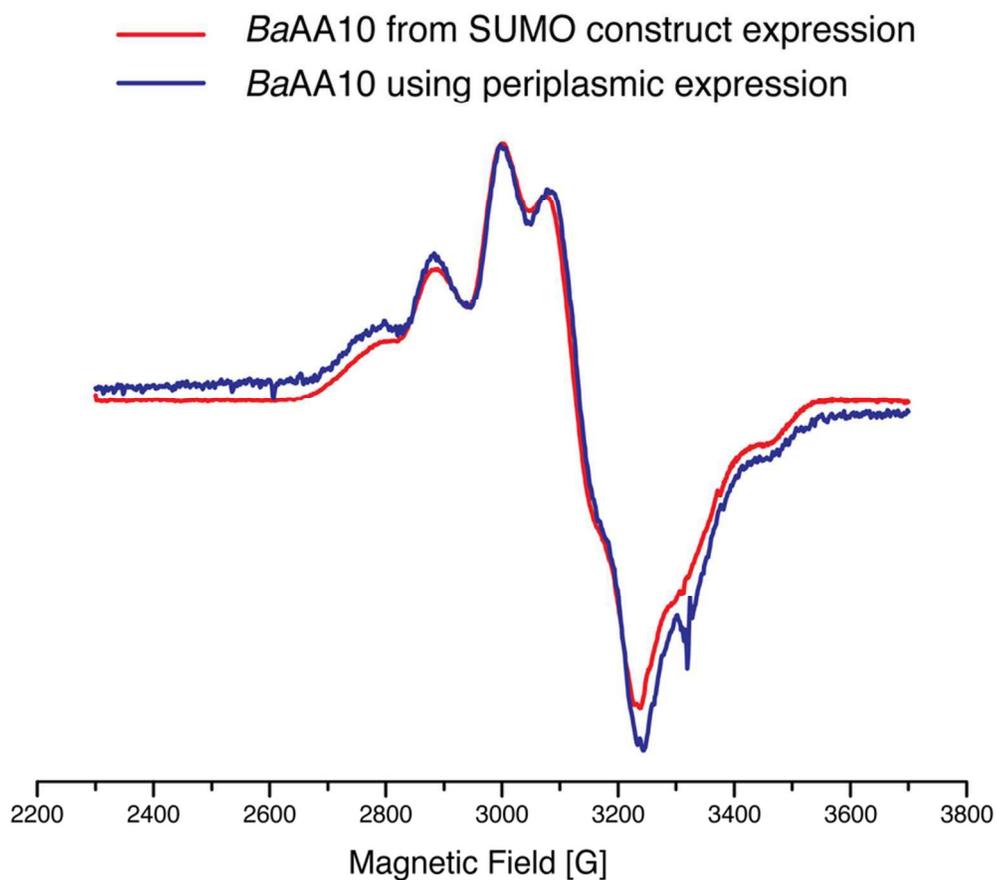


Figure 5. X-band EPR spectra of the original Cu-BaAA10 protein prepared via periplasmic secretion (9 GHz, 155 K, coloured blue)³², and Cu-BaAA10 produced using a SUMO tag (9 GHz, 150 K, coloured red). The spectra clearly overlay showing the distorted axial coordination geometry is maintained in the SUMO protein purification method described here.

Figure 5
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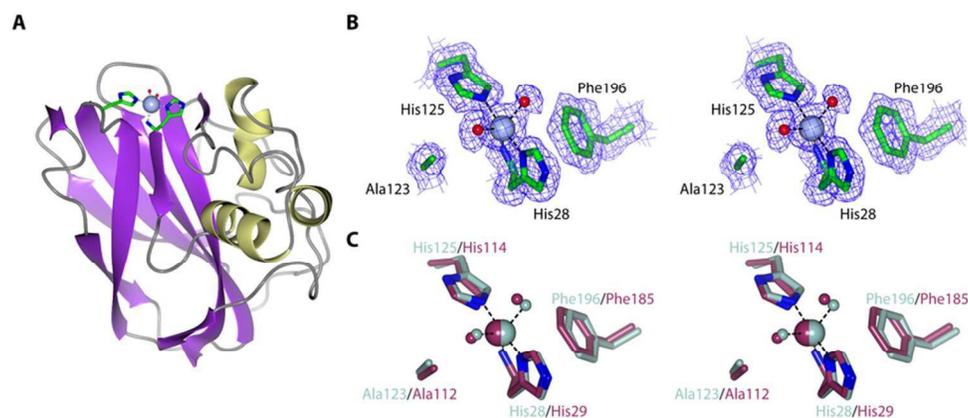
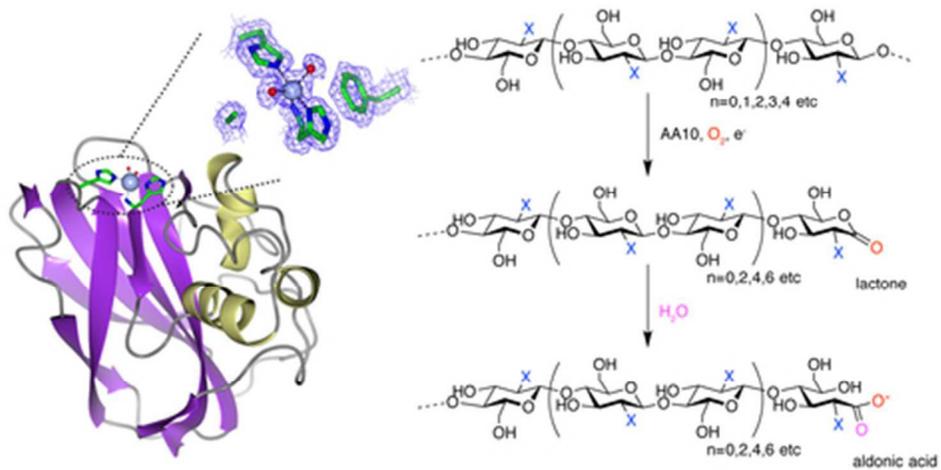


Figure 6. (A) Structural representation of *BaAA10*, clearly portraying the Cu(II) active site with the familiar 'histidine-brace' and two water molecules. (B) Stereo structure of Cu-*BaAA10* displaying the $2F_{\text{obs}} - F_{\text{calc}}$ density map at $0.48 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ (1σ) contour level, showing the two water molecules coordinated to the copper atom. (C) Stereo structure comparison of the AA10 site from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (blue/grey) with that from *Enterococcus faecalis* (purple) ²⁶.

Figure 6
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