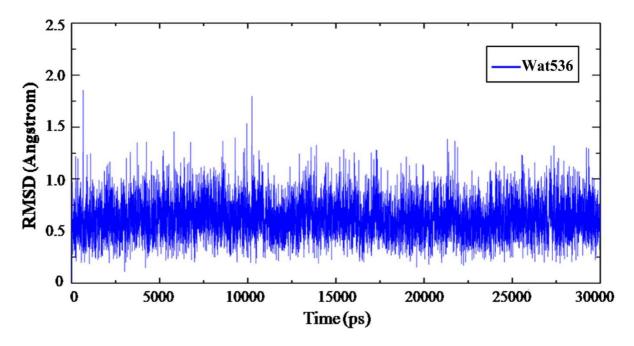
## **Supporting information**

## Theoretical study of the mechanism of proton transfer in the esterase EstB from *Burkholderia gladioli*

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**Figure S1.** Time dependencies of the weighted root-mean-square deviations for Wat536 from their initial positions during the 30-ns simulation.

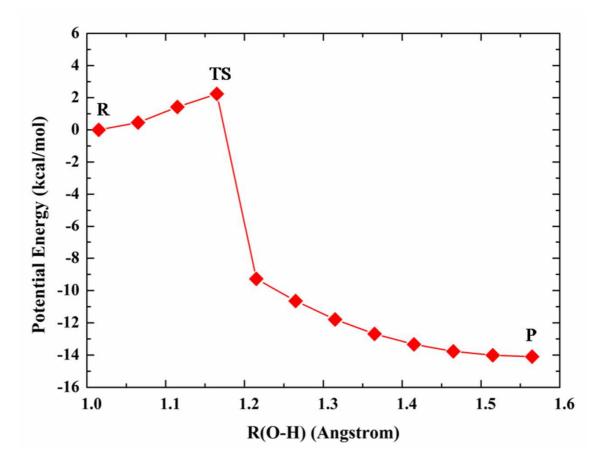
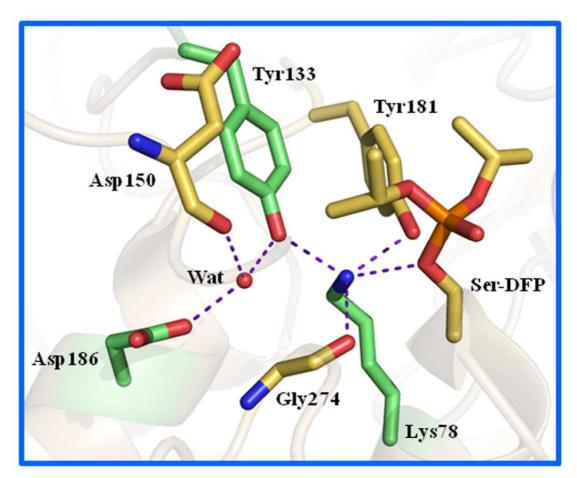
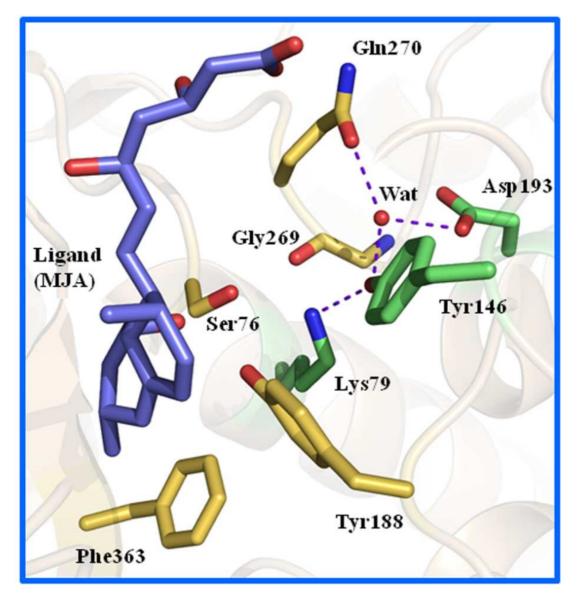


Figure S2. Potential energy curve for the PT reaction in EstB determined at the

ONIOM (B3LYP/6-31G\*:AMBER) level. (R) is the reactant; (TS) is the transition state; (P) is the immediate product. All of the stationary points of potential energy along the PT pathway are marked with filled squares.



**Figure S3.** Stereoview of the hydrogen bonding network surrounding the water molecule in the EstB-DFP complex. (PDB code: 1CI9, chain B).



**Figure S4.** Active site residues and the water molecule in the LovD-MJA complex (PDB code: 3HLD).