

Supplementary Material for

## Oxidation of Various Kraft Lignins with a Bacterial Laccase

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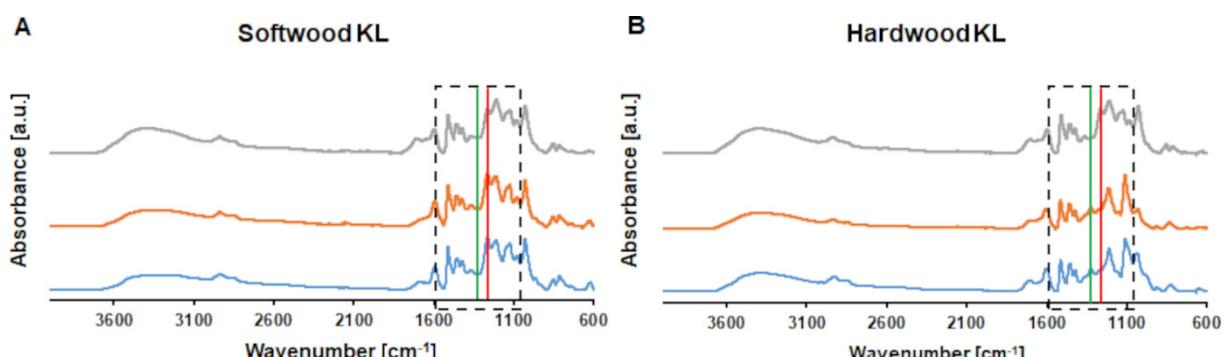
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### FTIR spectra of the kraft lignin (KL) samples and determination of S/G ratio

The samples were measured in triplicates and the results were averaged to show the respective spectrum.



**Figure S1.** FTIR spectra of the Softwood KL (A) and Hardwood KL (B). The low ash KLs (LA) are shown in blue, the medium ash KLs (MA) in orange and the high ash KLs (HA) in grey, respectively. The vertical green line shows the wavenumber for S ( $1327\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), the vertical red line the wavenumber for G ( $1262\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The dashed black box shows the region of normalization in the range from  $1600$  to  $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

By taking the absorbance values found at  $1327\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Syringyl) and  $1262\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Guaiacyl) and dividing them, the S/G ratio is determined.

**Table S1.** Calculation of the S/G ratio

	S ( $A_{1327}$ )	G ( $A_{1262}$ )	S/G
LA_S	1.48	4.96	0.30
MA_S	1.65	4.91	0.34
HA_S	1.46	4.14	0.35
LA_H	2.09	1.98	1.05
MA_H	1.88	1.80	1.05
HA_H	2.95	2.13	1.38