One-pot one-step deracemization of amines using ω-Transaminases

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1. Materials

Glucose dehydrogenase from *Pseudomonas* sp., L-Lactic dehydrogenase from rabbit muscle, pyridoxal 5'-phosphate hydrate (PLP), and β-Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Korea. All other chemicals used were of analytical or reagent grade.

2. Enzyme expression and purification

ω-TA from *Polaromonas* sp. JS666 ((S)-ω-TAPO) and ω-TA from *Vibrio fluvialis* JS17 ((S)-ω-TAVF) were expressed and purified as described elsewhere. In the case of ω-TA from *Mycobacterium vanbaalenii* ((R)-ω-TAMV) and ω-TA from *Neosartorya fischeri* ((R)-ω-TANF), both genes were chemically synthesized after codon optimization complying with the codon preferences of *E. coli* (Bioneer Inc., Taejeon, South Korea). Both synthetic genes were supplied by Bioneer Inc. after cloning in the pGEM-T easy vector (Promega, Madison, WI). The synthetic gene of ((R)-ω-TAMV was digested with NdeI/NotI and the synthetic gene of (R)-ω-TANF was digested with EcoRI/XhoI, after which both genes were inserted into the IPTG-inducible expression vector pET24ma. The plasmid was then introduced into *E. coli* (BL21) and the transformants were grown at 37°C in 1L LB broth containing 100 μg mL⁻¹ of kanamycin. When the OD₆₀₀ reached 0.6, IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.5 mM. The culture media was then immediately cooled to 20°C and incubated at the same temperature at 250 rpm. After overnight induction, the cells were harvested and washed twice with 50 mM phosphate buffer (pH 8.0). Following centrifugation, the cell pellet was resuspended in 2 volumes of 20 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) containing 20 μM pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), 1 mM PMSF, 300 mM NaCl and 5 mM imidazole. The cells were then subjected to ultrasonic disruption for 15 min, after which the protein was purified at 4°C on a Ni-NTA agarose resin obtained from Qiagen (Hilden, Germany). The crude extract was passed directly into a column containing 3 mL of Ni-NTA agarose resin and then washed with 50 mL of phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) containing 20 mM imidazole, after which the protein was eluted with phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) containing 250 mM imidazole. The eluted solution containing purified protein was dialyzed against 100 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) containing 20 μM PLP, 0.2 mM EDTA, and 0.2% mercaptoethanol and then concentrated using an Amicon PM-10 ultrafiltration unit. Glycerol was
added to the purified enzyme solution (final 40% glycerol) and the samples were stored at –20°C until further analysis.

**Figure S1.** SDS-PAGE analysis of purified ω-TAs. Lane M; Molecular weight marker, lane 1; (S)-ω-TAPO (47kDa), lane 2; (S)-ω-TAVF (48kDa), lane 3; (R)-ω-TAMV (37.92kDa), lane 4; (R)-ω-TANF (37.1kDa).
3. Codon optimized nucleotide sequence of (R)-ω-TAMV

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CATATGGGCATCGACACTGCCACCTCGAATCCTGGTGTCGGCGAGCCCGGGGCG
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CTGGACCGCCTGCTCGACCGGACACGGACTCGGAGGTGAGTACCTGC
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GGCGACCTGACCCGCGGCGACCTCGAGGCTAAGGATCGGGAGCCATGGAATTGAAGCGGC
TCCGCGACGTGACCTCCCATGAGCTGACGACGCCGACGAGATTGGCGGTGAC
CACCGCGGGCGGCGCGGCGCGGCGCGGCGCCGGCGCAATACCGTGGACCCGACCATCAAGAAA
GCTTCGGCACCACCGCGGTGGCGCGC
CGGCATGGAGCGCCGGCCCGGAGCCGGGTCCGGTGACCGTGGCGATTCGCGACCGCTTCTGGGCGCTGAT
GGACGAGCCGGGGGCCACTGATTTGAGCGATTCAGTACGAGGGCCGCGC-3’
4. Codon optimized nucleotide sequence of (R)-\(\omega\)-TANF

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GAATTCATGGGCTCTATGGGACAAAGTCTTTTTCGGGATATCATGCGCCAGAAGCT 
GCTTGAACGGAGCGACAATCCTTCCTCTAAGGCGATTGGCTATGTGGAAGGAAAG 
CTCGTCTTACCCAGCGACGCGAGATAACCGCTATTTGAGACAGCCTTCTCTTGATGG 
GATCATATGCAACGGATCTGGAAGCTGATAAAATTCGGCTCAAAGTATTCCACTG 
TCGACCGAGCAGCGTTAGAAATATCTATGGTGGCTAGTGGCTCAGGAGGTCTTT 
CGGGATGCGTTTTTGAGAAATTATCATGACAGGCTGCTGAGGTCTGCTGTGTTT 
CGAAGCCCGAGGTATCTGTATAATAACACATATACCTGCTTGTCTCCCAATGTTTT 
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GGTGAAGAACGTATTATCTATACCTACCTGTAGCGAGGTGTCTTGGAGGATGCACAC 
GTAAAAGTGTGGATGGGTTGGCAGCGAGCGAGCTCAACCATCGACATCGGCTCTGAGGT 
CGTACCAGTGAGACGATTATCCTACCGAGTAAATCTTATCGTAACAACACGGCAG 
GGCTGATTATGCTATAACGGTCTTGATGGTCAACCAGTTAATGACGGGCAGGT 
GGGCCGATCAAAAGAAGATAGGGATGGTTACTGGGAGATGCATCAATCGG 
CGTATAGTTTCGCGACTATGGCAGTCGGCCTCGAG-3’

5. Enzyme assay

One unit of activity was defined as the amount of enzyme that produced 1\(\mu\)mol acetophenone per minute. Reaction conditions; incubation of 1 mL of reaction volume, 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0), 10 mM pyruvate, 10 mM (S)-\(\alpha\)-MBA (or (R)-\(\alpha\)-MBA) and the enzyme (1–20 \(\mu\)g mL\(^{-1}\)) for 30 min at 37°C. Different concentrations of enzymes were used to measure the exact specific activity. When 2–10% acetophenone had formed, the specific activity was determined.

6. Analytical methods

6.1 Analysis of amines (\(\alpha\)-MBA and d1–d8)
The conversion and ee analysis of amines was performed accomplished by HPLC using a Crownpak CR (Daicel Co., Japan) column at 210 nm with an elution of pH 1.5 perchloric acid solution (0.6 mL min\(^{-1}\)). Each enantiomer was separated by these analytical conditions except \(d_4\). Quantitative chiral analysis of \(d_4\) was performed using a C\(_{18}\) symmetry column (Waters, MA) with a Waters HPLC system at 254 nm after derivatization of the sample with GITC.\(^2\) Separation of each enantiomer of \(d_4\) was achieved through an isocratic elution with a mixture of 50% methanol and 50% water (0.1% TFA) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min\(^{-1}\).

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\end{array}
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\textbf{Figure S2. Amine structures.}

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Substrate & Retention time (min)\(^a\) & \\
& (S) & (R) \\
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\(\alpha\)-MBA & 15.9 & 22.3 \\
d1 & 17.5 & 30 \\
d2 & 38.2 & 56 \\
d3 & 49.3 & 58.7 \\
d4\(^b\) & 19.9 & 17.8 \\
d5 & 81.3 & 102.7 \\
d6 & 39.4 & 49.7 \\
d7 & 101 & 112.5 \\
d8 & 24.5 & 28.2 \\
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\end{tabular}
\caption{Amine retention times}
\end{table}

\(^a\)sample was analyzed using a Crownpak CR(+) column.

\(^b\)sample was analyzed using a C\(_{18}\) symmetry column after GITC derivatization
6.2 Analysis of pyruvate and acetophenone

Pyruvate was analyzed using an Aminex HPX-87H HPLC column (Bio-Rad, CA) with an elution of 5 mM sulfuric acid solution at UV 210 nm. Acetophenone was analyzed using a C\textsubscript{18} Symmetry column (Waters, MA) with an elution mixture of 50% methanol and 50% water (0.1% TFA) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min\textsuperscript{-1}.\textsuperscript{2}

References