A thermally-stable enzyme detection assay that amplifies signal autonomously in water without assistance from biological reagents

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General experimental procedures

All reactions that required anhydrous conditions were performed in flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids were transferred by syringe or stainless steel cannula. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation (25–40 mmHg) at ambient temperature, unless otherwise noted. 4-Bromoisophthalic acid, 2,4dihydroxybenzaldehyde, 2,4-diallyloxybenzaldehyde and all other reagents were purchased commercially and were used as received. Flash-column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al.,¹ employing silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 µm, standard grade, Dynamic Adsorbents). Thin layer chromatography was carried out on Dynamic Adsorbants silica gel TLC (20Å~20 cm w/h, F-254, 250 µm). Deionized water was purified using a milliporepurification system (Barnstead EASYpure® II UV/UF). Kinetics experiments were carried out in 1.5 mL plastic cuvettes.

Instrumentation

Photographs were acquired using a Nikon digital camera (D40, D3100) and analyzed using Adobe®Photoshop®. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C-NMR) were recorded using a Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz), Bruker CDPX-300 (300 MHz), or AV-360 (360 MHz) at 25 °C. Proton chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) and are referenced to chloroform (CDCl₃, 7.26 ppm), methanol (CD₃OD, 3.31 ppm), acetonitrile (CD₃CN, 1.94 ppm), or acetone ((CD₃)₂CO, 2.05 ppm). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet and/or multiple resonances, br s = broad singlet, dd = doublet of doublet), integration, and coupling constant (*J*) in Hertz. Carbon chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) and are referenced to chloroform (CDCl₃, 77.16 ppm), methanol (CD₃OD, 49.0 ppm), acetonitrile (CD₃CN, 1.32 ppm), or acetone ((CD₃)₂CO, 29.84 ppm).

Synthesis of signal amplification reagent 1



1-Bromo-2,4-bis(bromomethyl)-benzene (6):

4-Bromoisophthalic acid **5** (3.12 g, 12.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran (32 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. Borane-tetrahydrofuran complex (1.0 M solution in tetrahydrofuran) was added dropwise slowly to the cooled solution, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The solution was warmed to room temperature and refluxed at 66 °C for 16.5 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched by slow addition of saturated ammonium chloride. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated ammonium chloride (2 × 50 mL) and saturated sodium bicarbonate (2 × 50 mL). The organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, affording a white solid. The white solid was dried under reduced pressure and was without further purification.

The white solid (1.0 g, 4.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in aqueous hydrobromic acid (48%) (5.1 mL, 46.1 mmol, 10.0 equiv). Concentrated sulfuric acid (123 μ L, 2.3 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 122 °C for 22 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate. The resulting mixture was washed with water (1 × 30 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (2 × 30 mL) and brine (1 × 50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (gradient elution 0 – 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford compound **6** as a white solid (1.29 g, 3.76 mmol, 82%). ¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.17), 7.48 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.27), 7.20 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.25, 2.3), 4.57 (s, 2 H), 4.42 (s, 2 H). This ¹H-NMR data matches previously published data for **6**.²

4,4'-(((4-Bromo-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(1,3-bis((2-methoxyethoxy)methoxy)benzene) (8):

An oven-dried two-necked round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was charged with K_2CO_3 (237 mg, 1.72 mmol, 2.2 equiv), compound **6** (268 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and compound 7^3 (495 mg, 1.64 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in acetone (8 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux at 57 °C for 24 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed under

reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (gradient elution with 50 – 100% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to obtain compound **8** as a yellow oil (588 mg, 0.75 mmol, 96%). IR (cm⁻¹): 2882.3, 1503.6, 1082, 1000; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (d, 1 H, *J* = 1.96), 7.53 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.17), 7.25 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.16, 2.18), 6.91 (d 1 H, *J* = 2.8), 6.89 (d 1 H, *J* = 2.8), 6.81 (d, 1 H, *J* = 16.68), 6.78 (d, 1 H, *J* = 16.69), 6.65 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.85, 2.82), 6.62 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.80, 2.76), 5.27 (s, 2 H), 5.24 (s, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 5.16 (s, 2 H), 5.09 (s, 2 H), 4.99 (s, 2 H), 3.86 – 3.77 (m, 8 H), 3.55 – 3.49 (8 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (s, 6 H); ¹³C-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 152.2, 147.8, 147.8, 143.9, 137.0, 136.7, 132.5, 128.0, 127.7, 121.1, 116.0, 115.9, 109.5, 109.3, 107.3, 94.6, 94.6, 94.0, 71.5, 71.4,71.3, 71.2, 67.8, 67.8, 67.4, 58.8; MS (TOF MS ES+, *m/z*): 802.2 (+18, NH₄⁺); HRMS (TOF MS ES+, *m/z*): calcd for C₃₆H₄₉O₁₄Br (M + 1) 784, found 802.2659 (+18, NH₄⁺).

(2,4-Bis((2,4-bis((2-methoxy)methoxy)phenoxy)methyl)phenyl)boronic acid (9):

Compound 8 (500 mg, 0.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran (6.4 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. n-Butyl lithium (2.5 M solution in hexanes, 305 µL, 0.76 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added slowly to the stirring solution, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Trimethyl borate (357 µL, 3.2 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added at -78 °C with continued stirring at -78 °C for 2.5 h. The solution was warmed to room temperature and was stirred at room temperature for 7 h. To this mixture was added 0.1 M HCl (6 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the resulting solution was washed with deionized water $(1 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (gradient elution with 90 -100% ethyl acetate/hexanes to 8% methanol/ethyl acetate) to obtain compound 9 as a light yellow oil (236 mg, 0.31 mmol, 49%). IR (cm⁻¹): 3420.9, 2883.9, 1504.1, 1082.2, 1000; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, $(CD_3)_2CO$): δ 7.80 (d, 1 H, J = 7.58), 7.61 (br s, 1 H), 7.43 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.6, 1.36), 7.39 (s, 2 H), 7.07 (d, 1 H, J = 8.87), 6.95 (d, 1 H, J = 8.89), 6.91 (dd, 2 H, J = 2.83, 0.92), 6.69 (dd, 1 H, J = 6.3, 2.83), 6.66 (dd, 1 H, J = 6.08, 2.63), 5.28 (s, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 5.22 (s, 2 H), 5H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 5.04 (s, 2 H), 3.83 – 3.75 (m, 8 H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 8 H), 3.28 (s,

6 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H); ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO): δ 153.3, 153.1, 148.9, 148.8, 142.5, 140.1, 135.8, 128.6, 127.2, 117.0, 116.7, 110.4, 110.3, 108.7, 108.0, 95.4, 95.3, 94.8, 73.3, 72.3, 72.3, 72.1, 68.6, 68.6, 68.3, 58.8; MS (TOF MS APCI-, *m/z*): 749.0, MS (TOF MS APCI+, *m/z*): 768.1 (+18, NH₄⁺); HRMS (TOF MS ES+) Calculated for C₃₆H₅₅BNO₁₆ (M + NH₄⁺) 768.3614; Found: 768.3635.

(2,4-Bis((2,4-dihydroxyphenoxy)methyl)phenyl)boronic acid (1):

Compound **9** (81 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in ethanol (200 proof, 2 mL) and the solution was stirred at room temperature. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (78 mg, 0.41 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added to the stirred solution, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 24 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was first purified by column chromatography (90 –100% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give a light brown oil residue. This residue was further purified using preparative HPLC to obtain **1** as an off-white solid (30 mg, 75 µmol, 39%). IR (cm⁻¹): 3356.2; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.48 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (t, 1 H, *J* = 10.98), 7.38 (d, 1 H, *J* = 20.15), 6.79 (d, 1 H, *J* = 18.52), 6.77 (d, 1 H, *J* = 18.53), 6.34 (s, 2 H), 6.20 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.12), 6.17 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9.72), 5.07 (s, 2 H), 5.05 (s, 2 H). ¹³C-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 153.8, 153.6, 149.3, 149.2, 142.3, 141.3, 141.0, 139.7, 132.6, 127.6, 127.4, 117.4, 117.2, 106.7, 106.6, 104.7, 73.6, 73.1; MS (TOF MS ES+, *m/z*): 399.1; MS (TOF MS ES-, *m/z*): 397.0; HRMS (TOF MS ES-, *m/z*): calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₈B (M – 1) 397.1095, found 397.1105.

Synthesis of 2,4 – Dimethoxyethoxymethyloxyphenol (7)



2,4 – Dimethoxyethoxymethyloxybenzaldehyde (11):

2,4-Dihydroxybenzaldehyde 10 (2.0 g, 14.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was suspended in dry dichloromethane (29 mL), and the suspension was cooled to 0 °C with stirring. N, N-

diisopropylethylamine (25 mL, 144.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added to the cooled suspension and the solution was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C. Methoxyethoxymethyl chloride (9.9 mL, 87 mmol, 6.0 equiv) was added slowly to the cooled solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at 41 °C for 24 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate, and the resulting solution was washed with water (3×50 mL) and brine (2×50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (gradient elution with 20 – 50% ethyl acetate/benzene) to obtain compound **11**³ as a yellow oil (4.22 g, 13.4 mmol, 93%). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.18 (s, 1 H), 7.65 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.7), 6.75 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.18), 6.64 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.69, 1.85), 5.24 (s, 2 H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 3.74 – 3.71 (m, 2 H), 3.70 – 3.67 (m, 2 H), 3.45 – 3.40 (m, 4 H), 3.23 (s, 3 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H). This ¹H-NMR data matches previously published data for **11**.³

2,4 – Dimethoxyethoxymethyloxyphenol (7):

Compound 11 (1.84 g, 5.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (15 mL), and the solution was stirred at room temperature. meta-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1.51 g, 8.74 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the stirring solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. The solution was diluted with dichloromethane and the resulting solution was washed with 1:1 solution of saturated sodium thiosulfate and saturated sodium bicarbonate The organic layer was removed, and the aqueous layer was extracted using (30 mL). dichloromethane (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (2×30 mL) and then dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration, and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in dry methanol (15 mL). A solution of potassium hydroxide (66 mg, 1.17 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in water (375 µL) was added dropwise to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, after which the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in water and the solution was carefully neutralized with 1 M HCl. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate $(3 \times 30 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate. The sodium sulfate was removed by filtration and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column

chromatography (gradient elution with 25 – 50% ethyl acetate/benzene) to obtain compound 7^3 as a light yellow oil (1.43 g, 4.73 mmol, 81%). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.82 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.27), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 6.66 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.66, 2.92), 6.11 (br s, 1 H), 5.21 (s, 2 H), 5.14 (s, 2 H), 3.85 – 3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.80 – 3.77 (m, 2 H), 3.58 – 3.52 (m, 4 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H). This ¹H-NMR data matches previously published data for 7.³

Synthesis of activity-based detection reagent 2



(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-(4-((2,4bis(allyloxy)phenoxy)methyl)phenoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (13):

Compound 12^4 (0.57 g, 1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Phosphorous tribromide (1.0 M solution in dichloromethane, 0.62 mL, 0.62 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL), washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (1 × 50 mL) and washed with brine (1 × 50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation and the residue was dried under reduce pressure, yielding a white solid. The white solid was dried under reduced pressure and used without further purification.

The white solid, compound **16** (0.31 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv), potassium carbonate (0.51 g, 3.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and tetrabutylammonium iodide (93 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.2 equiv) were suspended in acetone (2.5 mL). The suspension was heated in a sealed vial to 70 °C for 24 h.

The reaction mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (25 mL) and washed with saturated sodium chloride solution (1 × 25 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution with 30 – 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford compound **13** (0.35 g, 0.55 mmol, 46%) as a white solid. IR (cm⁻¹): 2868.1, 1754.4 (b), 1753.5 (b); ¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.7), 6.97 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.6), 6.79 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.7), 6.53 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.8), 6.36, (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.7, 2.8), 6.08–5.96 (m, 2 H), 5.46–5.34 (m, 4 H), 5.27–5.23 (m, 2 H), 5.10 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.4, 3.4), 5.02 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.0), 4.98 (s, 2 H), 4.56–4.54 (m, 2 H), 4.44–4.42 (m, 2 H), 4.23–4.11 (m, 2 H), 4.05 (t, 1 H, *J* = 7.0), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H); ¹³C-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 170.2, 170.1, 169.4, 156.5, 153.9, 150.0, 142.7, 133.4, 133.2, 132.6, 129.0, 117.6, 117.6, 117.5, 116.8, 116.7, 105.0, 103.0, 99.7, 71.9, 71.0, 70.8, 69.7, 69.2, 68.6, 66.8, 61.3, 20.6; MS (TOF MS AP+, *m/z*): 660.2 (M + NH₄⁺); HRMS (TOF MS ES+) Calculated for C₃₃H₄₂NO₁₃ (M + NH4+): 660.2656; Found: 660.2660.

(2S,3R,4S,5R,6R)-2-(4-((2,4-Bis(allyloxy)phenoxy)methyl)phenoxy)-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triol (14):

Sodium methoxide (1.2 mg, 22 μ mol, 0.04 equiv) was dissolved in dry methanol (100 μ L) and was added to a stirring solution of compound **13** (0.35 g, 0.55 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a mixture of dry dichloromethane (1 mL) and dry methanol (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 2 h and an additional portion of sodium methoxide (1.2 mg, 22 μ mol, 0.04 equiv, in 100 μ L of methanol) was added. After 1 h, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation to afford compound **14** as a white solid. Compound **14** was dried under reduced pressure and was used without further purification.

(2S,3R,4S,5R,6R)-2-(4-((2,4-Dihydroxyphenoxy)methyl)phenoxy)-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triol (2):

Compound **14** (0.14 g, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (34 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv), and zinc(II) chloride (0.11 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.7 equiv) were dissolved in a mixture of dry tetrahydrofuran (4 mL) and dry *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (1 mL). Tributyltin hydride (0.32 mL, 1.2 mmol, 4 equiv) was added slowly and the reaction mixture was stirred for

15 min. The suspension was then concentrated by rotary evaporation and dried under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in acetonitrile (20 mL), filtered through celite (eluting with 1:1 acetonitrile:methanol, 30 mL), and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC, affording compound **2** (60 mg, 0.15 mmol, 50% over 2 steps) as an off white solid. IR (cm⁻¹): 3325.8, 2922.2, 1608.3, 1510.4; ¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.36 (d, 2 H, J = 8.6), 7.10 (d, 2 H, J = 8.7), 6.71 (d, 1 H, J = 8.7), 6.31 (d, 1 H, J = 4.4), 6.16, (dd, 1 H, J = 8.6, 2.8), 4.94 (s, 2 H), 4.84 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2), 3.81–3.67 (m, 4 H), 3.59 (dd, 1 H, J = 9.72, 3.4); ¹³C-NMR (360 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 158.9, 153.6, 149.3, 141.1, 132.9, 130.4, 117.7, 117.6, 106.6, 104.6, 102.9, 76.9, 74.8, 73.1, 72.3, 70.2, 62.4; MS (TOF MS AP+, m/z): 412.1 (M + NH₄⁺); HRMS (TOF MS ES-) Calculated for C₁₉H₂₁O₉ (M – H⁺): 393.1186; Found: 393.1180.

Synthesis of 2,4-diallyloxyphenol (16)



2,4-Diallyloxyphenol (16):

2,4-Diallyloxybenzaldehyde **15** (0.87 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and potassium hydrogen sulfate (81 mg, 5.0 mmol, 1.25 equiv) were dissolved in methanol (8 mL). Hydrogen peroxide solution (35% in water, 0.49 mL, 5 mmol, 1.25 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 1.5 h. A 1:1 solution of saturated sodium thiosulfate–saturated sodium bicarbonate (1 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (60 mL) and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was dried under reduce pressure, affording compound **16** (0.81 g, 3.96 mmol, 99%) as a white solid. IR (cm⁻¹): 3334.9, 2862.4, 1508.4; ¹H-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.82 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.68), 6.51 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.74), 6.41 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.68, 2.77), 6.08–5.97 (m, 2 H),

5.41–5.39 (m, 1 H), 5.36–5.35 (m, 1 H), 5.28–5.24 (m, 2 H), 4.55–4.53 (m, 2 H), 4.45–4.43 (m, 2 H); ¹³C-NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.3, 145.9, 140.1, 133.5, 132.6, 118.3, 117.5, 114.2, 105.9, 101.5, 69.7, 69.5; MS (TOF MS AP+, *m/z*) 207.1 (M + H⁺).

HPLC studies showing consumption of reagent 1 when exposed to H₂O₂

General experimental procedure corresponding to Figure 2a:

A solution of reagent 1 in dry acetonitrile was added to phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3). Hydrogen peroxide in buffered water was added to the solution and solution was vortexed for 60 s, and the resulting solution was injected into an analytical reversed-phase HPLC coupled to a mass spectrometer. The column used was an Agilent Eclipse XDB-C-18 column (4.6×150 mm, 5 µm). The mobile phase used was a mixture of 0.5 mM ammonium formate in H₂O (A) and CH₃CN (B). The column was equilibrated with 9:1 A-B at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. The solvent gradient was as follows:

Time (min)	A (%)	B (%)
0	90	10
18	10	90
23	10	90
25	90	10

For the assay that contained water treated with catalase, the buffered water was prepared as follows: 1.3 mg of catalase (3691 units/mg) was added to phosphate buffer (10 mL, 0.1 M, pH 7.3) and the treated water was stirred gently for 15 min, after which the catalase was removed by filter centrifugation. The pre-treated buffered water was used without further purification. For the assay that contained water with catalase present, the buffered water was prepared using the same procedure, but the catalase was not removed, and the buffered solution was used without further purification.

Tables of HPLC data for Figure 2a:

Table S1. HPLC data for consumption of reagent 1 with 0.5 equiv H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of	%
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
0	944.9	0
28	178.9	81.1
56	115.7	87.8
84	67.8	92.8
112	41.3	95.6
140	23.8	97.5

Table S2. HPLC data for consumption of reagent 1 with 0.25 equiv H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of	%
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
0	862.2	0
28	258.6	70.0
56	170	80.3
84	130.3	84.9
112	92	89.3
140	60.2	93.0
168	38.3	95.6
196	25.8	97.0
224	16.6	98.1
252	11.3	98.7
280	6	99.3

Table S3. HPLC data for consumption of reagent 1 with 0.1 equiv H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of	%
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
0	840.9	0
28	417.2	50.4
56	325.8	61.3
84	250.2	70.2
112	192.9	77.1
140	147.5	82.5
168	106.7	87.3
196	71.1	91.5
224	47.1	94.4
252	31.4	96.3
280	17.9	97.9

Table S4. HPLC data for consumption of reagent **1** with regular buffered water and no H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of %	
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
5	1000.7	0
33	637.5	36.3
61	510.7	49.0
89	384.8	61.5
117	325.6	67.5
145	268.3	73.2
173	213.9	78.6
201	170.4	83.0
229	134.5	86.6
257	95	90.5
285	66.9	93.3
313	44.7	95.5
341	29.8	97.0
369	18.9	98.1

Table S5. HPLC data for consumption of reagent 1 with catalase-treated buffered water and no H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of	%
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
5	1195.2	0
33	912.6	23.6
61	764.7	36.0
89	635.6	46.8
117	514.4	57.0
145	432	63.9
173	335.6	71.9
201	243.6	79.6
229	183.4	84.7
257	128.7	89.2
285	90.6	92.4
313	58.4	95.1
341	37.5	96.9
369	23.5	98.0

Table S6. HPLC data for consumption of reagent 1 with buffered water containing catalase and no H_2O_2 .

Time	Area of	%
(min)	Reagent 1	Conversion
0	1194.8	0.0
56	1178.7	1.3
82	1137.2	4.8
110	1150.3	3.7
138	1143.8	4.3
166	1142.2	4.4
194	1140.9	4.5
222	1141.7	4.4
250	1135.4	5.0
278	1132.3	5.2
306	1129	5.5
334	1120.9	6.2
362	1126.4	5.7
390	1124	5.9
418	1115.4	6.6
446	1109.6	7.1
474	1112.3	6.9
502	1111.9	6.9
530	1101.9	7.8
558	1104	7.6
586	1107	7.3
614	1099.4	8.0
642	1095.8	8.3
670	1094.2	8.4
698	1082.8	9.4
726	1081.8	9.5
754	1082	9.4
782	1080.4	9.6
810	1078.1	9.8
838	1075	10.0
866	1071.9	10.3
894	1074.2	10.1

Photographic analysis of colorimetric output when reagent 1 is exposed to H_2O_2

General experimental procedure corresponding to Figure S1a:

A hydrogen peroxide solution in phosphate buffered water (pH 7.3; 0.25 mM–2.5 mM, 0.1–1 equivalents relative to amplification reagent 1) was added to a solution of the amplification reagent 1 in buffered water containing 1.5% DMF (2.5 mM). The colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software.



Figure S1. Amplified colorimetric response of **1** when exposed to hydrogen peroxide. (a) Intensity of color of the reaction mixture over time for experiments using 2.5 mM **1** and different initial quantities of hydrogen peroxide. The color of the solution was quantified from photographs using Adobe®Photoshop®. (b) An identical experiment as (a) with the exception that the amplification solution contained 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v), whereas the surfactant was not included in (a). The data points in both graphs are the average of three measurements, and the error bars represent the standard deviations from the averages.

Tables of Color Intensity for Figure S1a:

Table S7. Color intensity data for 1 equiv H_2O_2 .

$11_{2}O_{2}$.			
Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
1	148.85	147.16	142.4
5	162.77	160.09	153.72
10	177.43	177.35	170.87
15	184.29	183.14	177.11
20	189.88	188.82	182.86
25	194.67	193.48	187.86
30	195.66	195.07	188.99
35	195.29	194.42	188.85
40	194.31	193.96	188.48
45	196.32	196.11	191.28
50	196.5	196.24	191.01
55	198.3	198.21	193.43
60	198.43	198.09	192.97
71	202.54	202.15	197.09
81	203.35	203.45	198.39
91	196.21	196.69	191.24

Table S8. Color intensity data for 0.5 equiv H_2O_2 .

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
2	143.59	142.3	138.24
12	175.76	172.16	167.73
22	187.51	184.8	180.08
32	191.25	188.92	184.3
42	193.49	190.99	185.77
52	194.17	192.51	187.06
62	195.98	193.6	189.09
72	197.13	195.65	191.27
82	200.84	198.6	194.8
92	201.01	199.63	195.16
102	202.54	201.03	197.51
112	203.04	201.43	198.3
122	204.01	202.41	199.48
132	204.99	203.38	200.23
142	206.23	204.2	201.31
152	205.69	204.16	201.3
162	206.89	205.22	202.5
172	207.15	205.23	202.61
182	206.66	206.64	202.01

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
1	146.43	149.16	149.99
16	174.07	174.14	173.22
31	180.12	179.69	178.32
46	183.77	182.76	181.06
61	183.92	182.2	180.66
76	185.66	183.46	182.04
91	188.6	186.54	184.97
106	191.52	188.92	188.3
121	193.58	191.05	190.9
136	196.04	193.35	193.04
151	198.08	194.74	195.02
166	200.79	196.65	196.91
181	201.33	198.3	196.51
196	202.66	199.79	199.23
211	203.81	200.64	199.95
226	206.37	204.25	202.79
241	206.73	203.31	203.4
256	206.69	205.29	202.84
271	208.59	204.82	204.92
286	208.38	204.68	204.48
301	209.16	206.59	205.87

Table S9. Color intensity data for 0.25 equiv H_2O_2 .

Table	S10 .	Color	intensity	data	for	0.1
equiv I	H_2O_2 .					

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
1	148.43	147.52	149.63
16	163.99	163.5	162.8
31	174.39	174.99	174.19
46	176.86	176.85	175.64
61	178.05	178.29	176.18
76	182.46	182.21	180.13
91	182.61	182.2	181.81
106	186.56	185.76	184.11
121	188.84	188.4	186.79
136	189.69	189.13	188.4
151	191.63	191.35	189.51
166	192.99	192.2	191.16
181	192.48	192.28	189.04
196	194.04	193.55	191.41
211	196.28	195.92	195.68
226	195.89	195.81	193.58
241	197.57	196.79	194.95
256	199.29	198.73	196.82
271	200.64	199.25	197.31
286	201.28	200.68	199.59
301	202.04	200.84	198.82
316	202.27	201.69	200.78
331	203.69	204.79	204.28
346	204.71	204.77	204.22
361	203.51	204.01	202.71
376	205.96	205.74	204.78
391	206.26	206.29	205
406	205.49	204.65	203.37

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
1	144.46	144.24	144.24
16	148.77	147.97	147.3
31	152.5	151.3	151.48
46	153.84	153.28	152.92
61	157.12	156.95	156.57
76	160.9	160.79	159.38
91	164.42	163.53	162.91
106	168.24	168.34	167.01
121	171.73	170.95	169.65
136	169.45	169.55	168.82
169	173.21	173.82	172.94
184	176.2	176.42	174.64
199	178.67	178.78	176.69
214	179.94	180.17	178.72
229	181.65	182.36	179.86
244	183.31	183.01	181.34
259	182.94	183.31	181.8
274	184.03	184.26	181.84
289	185.54	186.08	183.5
314	186.47	186.68	184.2
329	189.11	189.07	187.01
344	188.85	188.68	187.47
359	190.3	190.15	188.04
374	191.39	190.32	188.38
389	191	190.32	188.79
404	193.07	192.43	189.99
449	193.66	192.38	190.09
464	193.85	193.03	190.33
479	194.29	193.82	192
494	196.43	195.08	193.01
509	197.07	195.42	193.4
524	197.2	196.1	193.81
562	197.64	196.71	194.31
577	199.47	197.38	195.5
592	144.46	144.24	144.24
607	148.77	147.97	147.3
622	152.5	151.3	151.48
637	153.84	153.28	152.92
652	157.12	156.95	156.57
577	160.9	160.79	159.38
592	199.54	197.27	194.73

 607	200.84	199.56	197.56
622	201.14	198.78	197
637	202.08	200.98	198.85
652	203.3	201.88	200.16
667	203.56	202.31	199.97
682	203.65	202.2	199.85
697	205.9	205.02	202.35
712	204.08	202.53	199.95

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
(min)			
1	149.49	149.64	147.59
15	151.44	151.09	150.11
31	152.36	150.3	148.79
46	155.28	153.95	151.94
61	155.89	155.5	151.05
91	155.67	153.1	151.56
121	156.58	153.34	151.95
151	155.67	154.27	151.43
181	156.11	155.59	152.51
211	155.51	154.87	153.69
241	157.53	155.83	154.33
301	157.98	157.68	155.26
361	157.76	155.62	154.89
421	157.34	157.32	155.58
481	156.96	155.74	153.4
541	158.62	156.82	154.95
601	158.09	156.99	155.07
661	157.54	156.95	154.65

Table S12. Color intensity data for catalase-treated water with no H_2O_2 .

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General experimental procedure corresponding to Figure S1b:

A hydrogen peroxide solution in phosphate buffered water (pH 7.3; 0.25 mM–1.25 mM, 0.1–0.5 equivalents relative to amplification reagent 1) was added to a solution of the amplification reagent 1 in buffered water containing 1.5% DMF (2.5 mM) and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v). The colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software.

Tables of Color Intensity for Figure S1b:

Table S13. Color intensity data for 0.5equiv H2O2 with 0.5% Tween-20.

Time (h)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
0	138.82	142.04	151.78
0.33	152.04	154.64	161.79
0.67	163.35	165.08	173.09
1	166.08	167.45	177.97
1.33	173.65	175.42	184.23
1.67	171.56	172.82	181.52
2	178.29	180.91	190.2
2.33	179.28	180.44	190.64
2.67	177.52	180.88	187.52
3	178.81	180.74	188.83
4	187.1	189.76	196.58
5	191.35	194.41	199.12
6	196.03	198.16	201.37
7	198.98	201.1	204.08
8	200.59	202.93	206.34
9	203.92	206.63	208.23
10	203.58	206.34	209.72

Table S14. Color intensity data for 0.1 equiv H_2O_2 with 0.5% Tween-20.

Time (h)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
0	134.78	142.23	147.16
0.5	144.2	153.25	155.63
1	149.34	156.51	160.86
1.5	157.67	166.36	168.86
2	158.23	164.26	169.25
2.5	162.78	172.75	174.92
3	164.88	174.79	177.86
3.5	170.25	178.17	182.33
4	173.07	180.71	184.24
5	176.69	184.28	187.94
6	181.51	190.65	192.47
7	182.16	190.69	193.41
8	186.95	193.43	197.53
9	186.72	195.3	198.54
10	190.25	197.28	200.22
11	191.33	199.07	202.72
12	199.27	202.99	206.76
13	196.18	202.36	206.07
14	196.5	201.72	205.43

Time (h)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
0	149.88	146.07	143.09
0.5	150.59	146.76	145.4
1	155.02	150.81	147.6
1.5	155.82	151.21	148.46
2	155.99	151.74	149.72
2.5	157.05	154.28	151.03
3	160.51	156.25	153.76
3.5	161.74	156.98	154.23
4	161.05	156.87	154.52
4.5	166.75	162.01	160.27
5	169.92	164.82	163.8
6	170.05	166.58	164.26
7	171.61	169.1	165.85
8	173.98	171.1	170.34
9	177.88	174.89	173.34
10	177.18	176.09	173.78
11	178.63	175.96	174.98
12	183.63	182.15	181.22
13	182.97	180.54	178.94
14	184	183.44	182.85
15	184.54	183.34	181.91
16	186.01	186.9	185.92
17	187.06	186.87	186.35
18	189.47	188.85	187.69
19	190.34	190.3	190.92
20	191.78	193.28	192.5
21	195.02	195.99	195.02
22	196.68	197.98	196.31
23	192.35	194.92	193.18
24	199.57	202.4	200.85
25	200.25	202.73	201.46
26	200.11	203.69	201.74

Table S15. Color intensity data for no H_2O_2 with 0.5% Tween-20.

Calibration curve for quantifying hydrogen peroxide using 1

General experimental procedure corresponding to Figure S2:

A hydrogen peroxide solution in phosphate buffered water (pH 7.3; 0.01 mM–2.5 mM, 0.004–1 equivalents relative to amplification reagent 1) was added to a solution of the amplification reagent 1 in buffered water containing 1.5% DMF (2.5 mM). After 30 min, the colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software.



Figure S2. Calibration curve for a 30 min assay in which (a) 2.5 mM 1 in 0.1 M phosphate buffer containing 1.5% DMF (pH 7.3) was exposed to various concentrations of hydrogen peroxide at 23 °C. The intensity of color for each experiment was obtained using image analysis of photographs. The data points represent the averages of three measurements. (b) Expanded view of the dotted region of (a). The limit of detection was calculated as $3 \times (sd/s)$ where *sd* is the standard deviation at 0.01 mM and *s* is the slope of the calibration curve.

Conc. of	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
H_2O_2			
(mM)			
0	152.5	151.3	151.48
0.01	156.19	155.95	150.79
0.025	156.54	153.2	153.11
0.05	158.42	154.59	152.89
0.0625	165.86	162.34	159.08
0.1	165.19	164.33	161.17
0.125	171.12	166.61	166.28
0.25	174.39	174.99	174.19
0.625	180.12	179.69	178.32
1.25	191.25	188.92	184.3
2.5	195.66	195.07	188.99

Table S16. Color intensity data for the calibration curve (corresponding to Figure S2).

Detection of β -D-galactosidase using reagents 1 and 2

Experimental procedure corresponding to Figure 3:

For the assay containing both activity-based detection reagent 2 and signal amplification reagent 1 (denoted as \bullet):

A 5 μ L solution of reagent **2** in DMF was mixed with 25 μ L of Tween-20 in phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3). To the solution was added 7.5 μ L solution of reagent **1** in DMF and 437.5 μ L phosphate buffer, respectively. 25 μ L solution of β -D-galactosidase in phosphate buffer was subsequently added. The colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software. Overall, the assay contained 2.5 mM of reagents **1** and **2**, respectively, 194 nM of the β -D-galactosidase, 2.5% DMF, and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v).

For the assay containing only activity-based detection reagent 2 (denoted as \blacktriangle):

A 5 μ L solution of reagent **2** in DMF was mixed with 25 μ L of Tween-20 in phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3). To the solution was added 445 μ L phosphate buffer, and 25 μ L solution of β -D-galactosidase in phosphate buffer was subsequently added. The colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software. Overall, the assay contained 2.5 mM of reagent **5**, 194 nM of the β -D-galactosidase, 1% DMF, and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v).

For the assay containing only activity-based detection reagent 1 (denoted as ■):

A 7.5 μ L solution of reagent **1** in DMF was mixed with 25 μ L of Tween-20 in phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3). To the solution was added 442.5 μ L phosphate buffer, and 25 μ L solution of β -D-galactosidase in phosphate buffer was subsequently added. The colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software. Overall, the assay contained 2.5 mM of reagent **1**, 194 nM of the β -D-galactosidase, 1.5% DMF, and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v).

For the assay containing only activity-based detection reagent 2 with no enzyme (denoted as \blacklozenge):

A 5 μ L solution of reagent 2 in DMF was mixed with 25 μ L of Tween-20 in phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3) and 470 μ L phosphate buffer. The colorimetric change of the solution was

monitored via photography and image processing software. Overall, the assay contained 2.5 mM of reagent 2, 1% DMF, and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v).

For all assays, the absolute intensities were calculated using the formula $I - I_0$, where I = intensity at time t, and $I_0 =$ intensity at time 0 min.

Tables of Absolute Color Intensity for Figure 3:

Table S17: Absolute color intensity data forthe one-pot assay containing reagents 1 and2, assay containing only 2, and assaycontaining only 1

-	-			Time (h)	2 (no enzyme)
Time	1 + 2	2	1	0	0
(h)	•			0.5	0.71
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	-0.16
0.5	-1.9	-0.7	-0.2	1.5	1.52
1	1.9	2.1	0.4	2	0.77
1.5	3.2	5.6	-0.3	2.5	1.17
2	5.5	6.0	-4.1	3	3.33
2.5	9.0	9.0	-1.3	3.5	3.46
3	12.3	13.1	-2.3	4	3.44
3.5	13.9	14.7	-4.0	4.5	4.62
4	19.9	18.5	-3.6	5	2.7
4.5	25.5	22.5	-3.2	5.5	3.58
5	28.9	24.8	-3.2	6	3.25
5.5	33.0	28.4	-2.0	7	1.3
6	34.8	27.9	-2.7	8	0.12
6.5	41.4	31.3	-0.1	9	-0.68
7	49.0	35.7	-1.0	12	-0.57
7.5	47.6	35.2	0.8	14	-4.31
8	51.7	36.4	1.3	16	-1.99
8.5	55.4	37.7	-3.1	18	-1.38
9	61.5	40.2	-1.7	20	-1.98
9.5	60.0	39.3	1.7	22	1.02
10	65.1	43.5	4.2	24	0.1
10.5	65.8	44.3	2.9		
11	71.2	44.8	5.5		
11.5	72.5	45.6	6.7		
12	76.1	46.3	9.2		

Table S18: Absolute color intensity data for
activity-based detection reagent (2) with no
enzyme

Quantification of β -D-galactosidase using reagents 1 and 2

Experimental procedure corresponding to Figure 4:

A 5 μ L solution of reagent **2** in DMF was mixed with 25 μ L of Tween-20 in phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.3). To the solution was added 7.5 μ L solution of reagent **1** in DMF and β -D-galactosidase solution in phosphate buffered water (12.5 nM – 250 nM) sequentially. After 10 h, the colorimetric change of the solution was monitored via photography and image processing software. Overall, the assay contained 2.5 mM of reagents **1** and **2**, respectively, 2.5% DMF, and 0.5% Tween-20 (v/v).

Table of Absolute Color Intensity for Figure 4:

Table S19. Color intensity data for the calibration curve (corresponding to Figure 4).

Conc. of enzyme (nM)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
0	13.8	10.9	12.0
12.5	13.8	15.3	10.6
25	14.5	15.6	22.5
50	19.7	25.1	28.0
75	40.4	41.6	35.0
100	47.4	49.3	48.3
125	54.8	57.8	54.5
150	63.8	64.8	61.7
194	65.1	62.6	62.6
250	63.6	65.7	61.3

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