

S1a sequences

Six-histidine (6His)-tagged esterase (gi: 29893336)

Origin

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six-histidine (6His)-tagged mutant (M326L) Origin

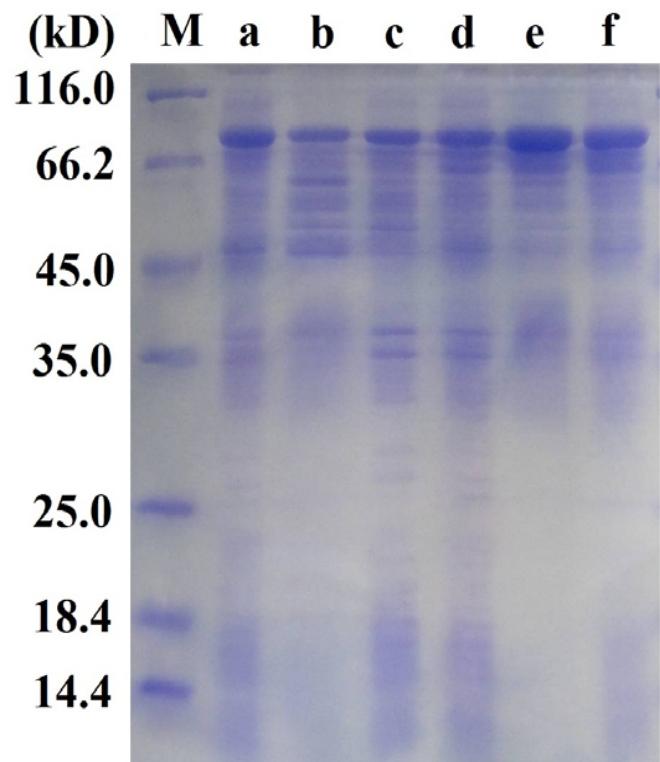
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S1b Fig s1b



- a. the tagged esterase in sample lysate after induced expression in 250 mL medium
- b. the sample lysate of a after affinity chromatography through Ni-NTA
- c. the sample lysate of a after chromatography through Sepharose 6B
- d. the tagged mutant (M326L) in sample lysate after induced expression in 250 mL medium
- e. the sample lysate of d after affinity chromatography through Ni-NTA
- f. the sample lysate of d after chromatography through Sepharose 6B

After lysis of cells via sonication treatment as described in context, the supernatant after centrifugation at 10,000×g for 20 min at 4 °C was passed through Sepharose 6B equilibrated and eluted with the lysis buffer. The portion with the highest apparent specific activity (the esterase appeared as a large aggregate) was collected and lyophilized. After dissolution in water, the partially-purified enzyme was loaded onto Sepharose 6B again, and the portion of the highest specific activity was collected. The esterase and its mutants after twice steps exhibited increases of about 80% of apparent specific activity and were slightly enriched as analyzed by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis PAGE (SDS-PAGE).

For affinity chromatography, Ni-NTA column was equilibrated with 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.4 plus 0.40 M NaCl; supernatant after centrifugation of sample lysate was loaded and washed with 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.4 plus 0.40 M NaCl and 20 mM imidazole. Finally, the bound enzyme was eluted out with 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.4 plus 0.10 M imidazole. Enzyme activity was determined after dialysis against 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.4 at 4 °C for 4 h with several changes of the buffer.

S1c 4ml medium

4 ml Culture medium

six-histidine (6His)-tagged esterase, maximum specific activity ~ 150 kU/g gi: 29893336

| Protein concentration (g/L) | Apparent specific activity (kU/g) | Target protein (g/L) | Target protein (percentage) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7.2 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 7.3 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.9 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 8.7 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 0.04 |
| 7.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 8.0 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.02 |
| 11.2 | 7.3 | 0.5 | 0.05 |
| 6.1 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.7 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 6.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 2.9 | 6.7 | 0.1 | 0.04 |
| 6.1 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 6.1 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.9 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 5.7 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 6.2 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 6.5 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.0 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 5.7 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 6.2 | 8.5 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 6.2 | 8.5 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
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4 ml Culture medium

six-histidine (6His)-tagged mutant (M326L), maximum specific activity ~ 50 kU/g

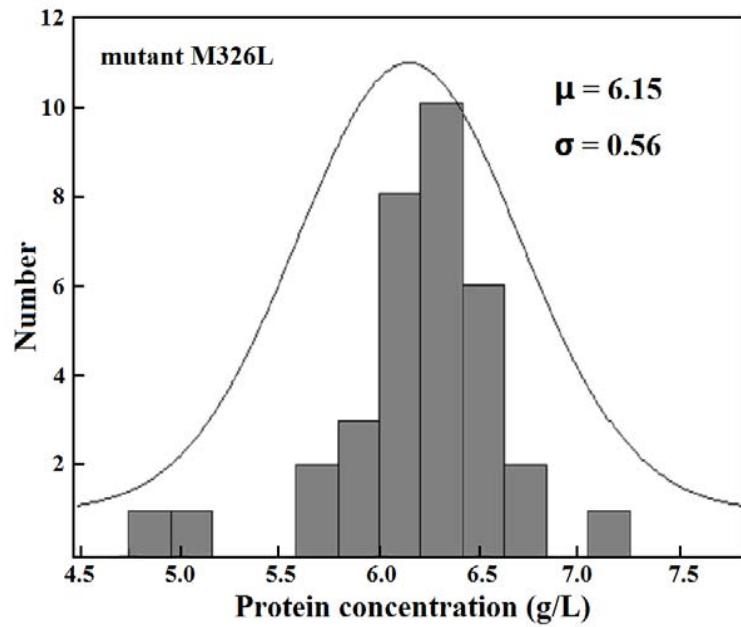
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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6.4 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 6.7 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 7.3 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 4.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.02 |
| 6.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 6.1 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 6.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 6.2 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 6.5 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 6.2 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 6.2 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 6.5 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 6.4 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.2 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 6.3 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 6.8 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.05 |
| 6.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 6.4 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 4.8 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.06 |

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|-----|------|-----|------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|--|-------|------|
| 6.1 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | 5.1 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 0.10 | |
| 6.0 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 0.06 | | 5.6 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.07 | |
| 4.2 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 0.05 | | 6.5 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 | |
| 5.7 | 10.5 | 0.4 | 0.07 | | 5.7 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.03 | |
| 6.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | 5.9 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.04 | |
| 6.5 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | 6.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 | |
| 5.9 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 | | 6.0 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.05 | |
| 6.0 | 9.5 | 0.4 | 0.06 | | 6.3 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 0.05 | |
| 5.7 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | 6.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 | |
| 5.7 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | 6.5 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.04 | |
| 5.8 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 0.05 | | 6.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 | |
| 5.8 | 10.9 | 0.4 | 0.07 | | 6.4 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.03 | |
| 6.1 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 0.05 | | 6.4 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.03 | |
| 5.8 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 0.05 | | | | | | |
| 5.6 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 0.05 | Average | 6.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.04 | |
| 7.1 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 | SD | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.01 | |
| 5.9 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 0.04 | CV | 9.1% | 32.1% | 29.2% | 32.1% | |
| 5.8 | 9.5 | 0.4 | 0.06 | | | | | | |
| 6.9 | 10.7 | 0.5 | 0.07 | | | | | | |
| 7.9 | 12.7 | 0.7 | 0.08 | See S1e for their distributions | | | | | |
| 5.6 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 0.06 | | | | | | |
| 5.6 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | | | | | |
| 7.4 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 0.03 | | | | | | |
| 8.4 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 0.05 | | | | | | |
| 5.4 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | | | | | |
| 3.8 | 7.8 | 0.2 | 0.05 | | | | | | |
| 5.3 | 9.7 | 0.3 | 0.06 | ratio of apparent specific acti | | | 3.2 | SD | 1.28 |
| 4.9 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 0.05 | | | | | CV | 0.41 |
| 7.0 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 0.02 | | | | | | |
| 6.8 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 0.03 | <i>F</i> -test | | <i>F</i> = 5.90 | | | |
| 6.0 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 0.03 | | | <i>F</i> _{0.005} = 1.43 | | | |
| 5.7 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 0.03 | | | | Two groups of data have significant difference | | |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 0.04 | | | | <i>P</i> < 0.005 | | |

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| 5.3 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 5.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 5.7 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
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| 4.5 | 7.3 | 0.2 | 0.05 |
| 4.8 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.03 |
| 4.5 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
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| 5.9 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 7.8 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
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| 5.4 | 9.8 | 0.4 | 0.07 |
| 6.2 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.2 | 8.4 | 0.3 | 0.06 |
| 5.5 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 0.06 |
| 4.8 | 8.2 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.3 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 0.06 |
| 8.3 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 0.04 |
| 8.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.03 |
| 6.3 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 7.3 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 0.05 |
| 6.5 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 5.7 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 0.06 |
| 8.7 | 8.5 | 0.5 | 0.06 |
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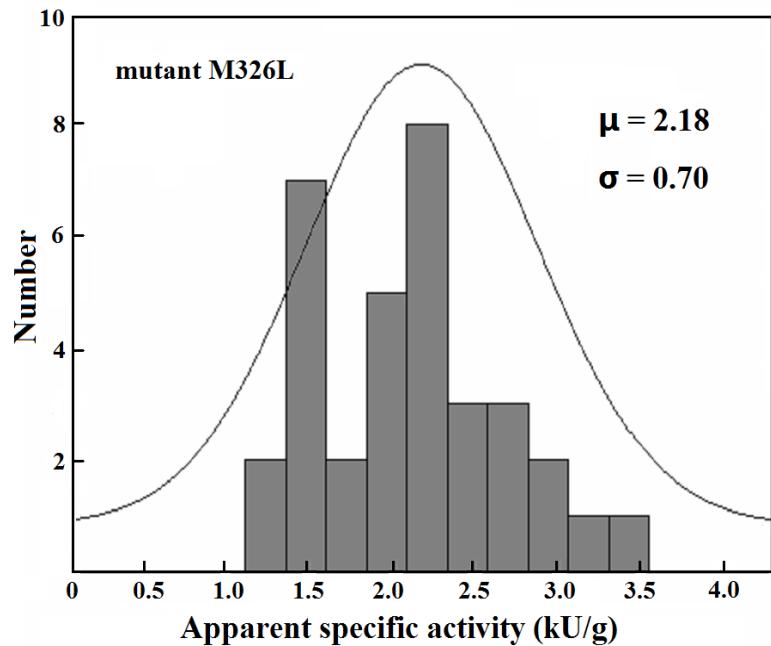
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| 5.5 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.1 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
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| 6.6 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 7.1 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 9.5 | 6.0 | 0.4 | 0.04 |
| 7.9 | 7.3 | 0.4 | 0.05 |
| 6.1 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.3 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 7.3 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.9 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 0.06 |
| 6.1 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.05 |
| 6.6 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 0.03 |
| 5.0 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 0.03 |
| 5.7 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 0.04 |
| 7.5 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 0.04 |
| 4.1 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 0.05 |
| Average | 6.3 | 6.9 | 0.3 |
| SD | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| CV | 19.7% | 25.3% | 32.6% |
| | | | 25.3% |

**distribution of protein concentrations and apparent specific activities after induced expression
under HTP mode**



checked with function in Matlab 6.5 supported normal distribution

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checked with function in Matlab 6.5 supported normal distribution

**response of initial rates to quantities of total proteins
from artificial lysates with an apparent specific
activity of 5.4 kU/g**

| artificial lysate 1 | 5.4 kU/g | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| total prtoeins | 8 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 64 | 96 | 128 | 160 |
| absorbance change in 30 min | -0.002 | -0.001 | 0.006 | 0.021 | 0.037 | 0.056 | 0.075 | 0.085 |

| artificial lysate 2 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------|
| total prtoeins | 8 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 64 | 96 | 128 | 160 |
| absorbance change in 30 min | -0.00867 | -0.00067 | 0.009 | 0.0163333 | 0.010333 | 0.009667 | 0.032666667 | 0.033 |

S1d

250ml culture medium

**six-histidine (6His)-tagged esterase, maximum
specific activity ~ 150 kU/g gi: 29893336**

| Protein concentration (g/L) | Apparent specific activity (kU/g) | Target protein (g/L) | Target protein (percentage) | Protein concentration (g/L) | Apparent specific activity (kU/g) | Target protein (g/L) | Target protein (percentage) | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 6.2 | 53.0 | 2.2 | 0.35 | 7.7 | 18.4 | 2.8 | 0.37 | |
| 7.2 | 45.0 | 2.2 | 0.30 | 8.6 | 19.1 | 3.3 | 0.38 | |
| 8.3 | 51.0 | 2.8 | 0.34 | 7.0 | 16.9 | 2.4 | 0.34 | |
| 6.0 | 45.0 | 1.8 | 0.30 | 8.0 | 16.6 | 2.7 | 0.33 | |
| 4.8 | 60.8 | 1.9 | 0.41 | 8.9 | 15.6 | 2.8 | 0.31 | |
| 6.2 | 57.3 | 2.4 | 0.38 | 5.5 | 16.6 | 1.8 | 0.33 | |
| 6.4 | 40.0 | 1.7 | 0.27 | 6.7 | 16.7 | 2.2 | 0.33 | |
| 7.8 | 54.0 | 2.8 | 0.36 | 3.9 | 13.9 | 1.1 | 0.28 | |
| 7.4 | 50.0 | 2.5 | 0.33 | 7.2 | 18.7 | 2.7 | 0.37 | |
| 6.2 | 43.0 | 1.8 | 0.29 | 8.2 | 19.3 | 3.1 | 0.39 | |
| 9.0 | 40.0 | 2.4 | 0.27 | 8.0 | 15.1 | 2.4 | 0.30 | |
| 9.0 | 44.0 | 2.6 | 0.29 | | | | | |
| 7.7 | 46.8 | 2.4 | 0.31 | | | | | |
| 7.3 | 60.0 | 2.9 | 0.40 | | | | | |
| 7.3 | 61.0 | 3.0 | 0.41 | mean | 7.2 | 17.0 | 2.5 | 0.34 |
| 5.5 | 60.0 | 2.2 | 0.40 | SD | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.03 |
| 7.5 | 51.0 | 2.5 | 0.34 | CV | 20.0% | 10.2% | 24.7% | 10.2% |
| 5.2 | 48.0 | 1.7 | 0.32 | | | | | |
| 6.6 | 55.0 | 2.4 | 0.37 | | | | | |
| 7.2 | 63.0 | 3.0 | 0.42 | | | | | |
| 7.3 | 41.0 | 2.0 | 0.27 | | | | | |
| 7.4 | 51.0 | 2.5 | 0.34 | | | | | |
| 7.5 | 45.0 | 2.2 | 0.30 | ratio of apparent specific activities | | | | |
| 1.0 | 60.0 | 0.4 | 0.40 | F-test | $F = 19.99$ | 3.0 | SD | 0.54 |
| 6.9 | 41.0 | 1.9 | 0.27 | | $F_{0.005} = 3.83$ | | CV | 0.18 |
| mean | 6.8 | 50.5 | 2.3 | 0.34 | | | | |
| SD | 1.6 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 0.05 | | | | |
| CV | 23.8% | 15.1% | 25.2% | 15.1% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Two groups of data have significant difference |
| | | | | | | | | $F > F_{0.005}$ |
| | | | | | | | | $P < 0.005$ |

S1e M326L in 4 ml medium

4 ml Culture medium inapplicable

six-histidine (6His)-tagged mutant (M326L), maximum
specific activity ~ 50 kU/g

First sample: apparent specific activity 3.2 kU/g

| Quantity of total protein (μg) | 43 | 64 | 85 | 128 | 256 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| V | 0.0324 | 0.0511 | 0.0378 | 0.0347 | 0.0229 |

The change of absorbance in 30min is much lower than 0.09, So it can't predict the end point accurately.

Second sample: apparent specific activity 5.8 kU/g

| Quantity of total protein (μg) | 43 | 64 | 85 | 128 | 256 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| V | 0.0537 | 0.0638 | 0.0590 | 0.0529 | 0.0408 |

The change of absorbance in 30 min is much lower than 0.09, So it can't predict the maximum activity accurately.