
3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine oxidative deaminase

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1 Nomenclature

EC number

1.13.12.15

Systematic name

3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine:oxygen oxidoreductase (deaminating)

Recommended name

3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine oxidative deaminase

Synonyms

3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine: oxidative deaminase
3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine oxidative deaminase <1> [2]
DDC <1> [2]
DOPA decarboxylase <1> [2]
DOPA oxidative deaminase
DOPAODA
oxidative deaminase

2 Source Organism

<1> *Sus scrofa* [2]

<2> *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* [1]

3 Reaction and Specificity

Catalyzed reaction

2 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine + O₂ = 2 3,4-dihydroxyphenylpyruvate + 2 NH₃

Reaction type

deamination

Natural substrates and products

S D-tryptophan methyl ester + ½ O₂ <1> (<1> production depending on the nature of the substrate, and ammonia with concomitant O₂ consumption in a 1:2 molar ratio with respect to the products [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]

P methyl 3-(1H-indol-3yl)-2-oxopropanoate + NH₃

S L-DOPA + O₂ <1> (Reversibility: ?) [2]

- P** ?
- S** aromatic amine + $\frac{1}{2}$ O₂ <1> (<1> oxidative deamination, unusual oxygen-consuming reaction catalyzed by the enzyme toward aromatic amines (serotonin, dopamine, and α -methyl dopamine) and D-tryptophan methyl ester [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]
- P** aromatic aldehyde + NH₃ + H₂O (<1> production in equivalent amounts depending on the nature of the substrate, and ammonia with concomitant O₂ consumption in a 1:2 molar ratio with respect to the products. A ketimine accumulates during the linear phase of product formation. This species is reactive since it is converted back to pyridoxal 5'-phosphate when the substrate is consumed. Superoxide anion and hydrogen peroxide are both generated during the catalytic cycles. [2])
- S** Additional information <1> (<1> The novelty in DDC is the possibility of catalyzing a reaction involving dioxygen although the enzyme lacks any cofactor or metal related to O₂ chemistry. The external aldimine intermediate undergoes a decarboxylation or a deprotonation leading to a quinonoid species, that is protonated at C₄ producing the ketimine intermediate. Although it cannot be ruled out that this intermediate could be attacked by dioxygen, it seems much more likely, regarding enzymes proceeding through a carbanion chemistry on DDC, that the more electron dense quinonoid intermediate, in equilibrium with the ketimine, is reactive toward O₂. Aerobiosis shifts the quinonoid-ketimine equilibrium toward quinonoid, while anaerobiosis shifts the equilibrium toward ketimine. The reaction between dioxygen and the quinonoid give rise directly to a superoxide anion and semiquinone. Superoxide is deprotonated and its anionic form is thus able to couple with the semiquinone giving rise to a peroxide species that is further protonated, and thus forming a hydroperoxy-pyridoxal 5'-phosphate intermediate. This rearranges to produce aldehyde, ammonia and hydrogen peroxide. [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]
- P** ?

Substrates and products

- S** 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 3,4-dihydroxyphenylpyruvate + NH₃
- S** D-tryptophan methyl ester + $\frac{1}{2}$ O₂ <1> (<1> production depending on the nature of the substrate, and ammonia with concomitant O₂ consumption in a 1:2 molar ratio with respect to the products [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]
- P** methyl 3-(1H-indol-3yl)-2-oxopropanoate + NH₃
- S** L-DOPA + O₂ <1> (Reversibility: ?) [2]
- P** ?
- S** L-alanine + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 2-oxo-propanoic acid + NH₃ (<2> 20% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])
- S** L-glutamate + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 2-oxopentanedioic acid + NH₃ (<2> 60% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])

- S** L-phenylalanine + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 2-oxo-3-phenylpropanoic acid + NH₃ (<2> 60% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])
- S** L-tryptophan + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-oxopropanoic acid + NH₃ (<2> 50% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])
- S** L-tyrosine + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxopropanoic acid + NH₃ (<2> 80% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])
- S** aromatic amine + ½ O₂ <1> (<1> oxidative deamination, unusual oxygen-consuming reaction catalyzed by the enzyme toward aromatic amines (serotonin, dopamine, and α-methyl dopamine) and D-tryptophan methyl ester [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]
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- S** glycine + O₂ <2> (Reversibility: ?) [1]
- P** oxoacetic acid + NH₃ (<2> 30% of the activity with 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1])
- S** Additional information <1> (<1> The novelty in DDC is the possibility of catalyzing a reaction involving dioxygen although the enzyme lacks of any cofactor or metal related to O₂ chemistry. The external aldimine intermediate undergoes a decarboxylation or a deprotonation leading to a quinonoid species, that is protonated at C₄ producing the ketimine intermediate. Although it cannot be ruled out that this intermediate could be attacked by dioxygen, it seems much more likely, regarding enzymes proceeding through a carbanion chemistry on DDC, that the more electron dense quinonoid intermediate, in equilibrium with the ketimine, is reactive toward O₂. Aerobiosis shifts the quinonoid-ketimine equilibrium toward quinonoid, while anaerobiosis shifts the equilibrium toward ketimine. The reaction between dioxygen and the quinonoid give rise directly to a superoxide anion and semiquinone. Superoxide is deprotonated and its anionic form is thus able to couple with the semiquinone giving rise to a peroxide species that is further protonated, and thus forming a hydroperoxy-pyridoxal 5'-phosphate intermediate. This rearranges to produce aldehyde, ammonia and hydrogen peroxide. [2]) (Reversibility: ?) [2]
- P** ?

Inhibitors

- 2-oxoglutarate <2> [1]
- 3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-hydrazino-2-methyl propionic acid <1> (<1> carbiDOPA, addition of 10 microM inhibitor to reaction mixtures (Y332F mutant

with L-dopa) in the presence or in the absence of catalase or superoxide dismutase, immediately stops the O₂ consumption. [2]) [2]
NADH <2> [1]

Cofactors/prosthetic groups

Additional information <2> (<2> no cofactor required [1]) [1]

Turnover number (s⁻¹)

0.68 <2> (3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine, <2> pH 7.8, 30°C [1]) [1]
4.5 <1> (L-Dopa, <1> Y332F DDC mutant, reaction in 50 mM Hepes, pH 7.5, at 25°C causes the production of ammonia and 3,4-dihydroxyphenylacetaldehyde along with the consumption of molecular oxygen in a 1:2 molar ratio [2]) [2]

K_m-Value (mM)

0.01184 <2> (<2> K_m value for 3,4-dihydroxy-L-phenylalanine [1]) [1]

4 Enzyme Structure

Molecular weight

190000 <2> (<2> gel filtration [1]) [1]

Subunits

pentamer <2> (<2> five different subunits of 54000 Da, 43000 Da, 34000 Da, 25000 Da, and 22000 Da, SDS-PAGE [1]) [1]

5 Isolation/Preparation/Mutation/Application

Purification

<1> [2]
<2> [1]

Cloning

<1> (cloning and expression of wild-type 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine oxidative deaminase and Y332F and T246A mutants in SVS370 Escherichia coli cells.) [2]

Engineering

T246A <1> (<1> T246 act as an essential general base for the oxidative deamination reaction [2]) [2]
Y332F <1> (<1> wild-type enzyme and Y332F variant are able to perform the oxidation toward aromatic amines or aromatic L-amino acids, without the aid of any cofactor related to oxygen chemistry. [2]) [2]

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