Peroxidases and Hemoglobins: Oxidation of halogenated phenols



Why does the beach sometimes smell bad?



You can't blame it all on people.

Protective Molecules Containing Bromine

The sponge metabolites of Mediterranean sponge *Aplysina aerophoba* provide an example for a wound-induced bioconversion of defensive metabolites.





Common Organobromines from Marine Worms

•Organobromines secreted by polychaetes discovered in 1960's.

•2,6-dibromophenol (2,6-DBP) and 2,4,6-tribromopyrrole (2,4,6-TBP) were shown to have a deterrent effects against a wide variety of taxa.

•Fungicidal, bactericidal, ascaricidal, and molluscicidal effects.



Brominated Compounds Produced by Algae

- •Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) found in mussels and birds in the Baltic sea.
- •Originate in red algae.
- •Similar compounds found in green algae in Japan.

Chlorophyta (green algae) Phaetophyta (brown algae) Rhodophyta (red algae)

Malmvarn et al. Env. Sci. Tech. 2005, 39, 2990



Example of a halogenating enzyme: Heme Haloperoxidases: CPO from *C. fumago*

Heme-thiolate haloperoxidases most versatile biocatalysts and similar to fungal peroxidases, cytochrome P450 monooxygenases, and catalases.

Chloroperoxidase (CPO) of *Caldariomyces fumago* is best best known.

Non-specific chlorination, bromination, and iodation of a variety of electrophilic organic substrates via hypohalous acid as halogenating agent.



Welcome to the bromine flats



Who cleans up the mess?

Example of a dehalogenating enzyme: White rot fungus P450 The ligninolytic sys



The white-rot fungi produce a specialized group of peroxidases, that catalyzes the degradation of the complex plant polymer lignin.

The ligninolytic system shows a high degree of non-specificity and oxidizes many compounds including DDT.



What does hemoglobin have to do with dehalogenation?



Red blood cell

Red blood cells contain several hundred hemoglobin molecules which transport oxygen Hemoglobin molecule

Heme

Oxygen binds to heme on the hemoglobin molecule

Dehaloperoxidase: A Unique Enzyme Isolated From *Amphitrite ornata*



Amphitrite ornata



A terebellid polychaete

DHP oxidizes tribromophenol



Absorbance (a.u.)





Many Peroxidases belong to the Cytochrome c Peroxidase family



PDB: 1A2F Cytochrome c Peroxidase (CCP) Class: All α proteins Superfamily: Heme peroxidases Family: CCP-like Goodin and McCree



PDB: 2ATJ Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) Class: All α proteins Superfamily: Heme peroxidases Family: CCP-like

Hendrickson et al. Biochemistry (1998) 37, 8054

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Dehaloperoxidase is a peroxidase that belongs to the globin family



PDB: 1A6G Myoglobin (Mb) Class: All α proteins Superfamily: Globin-like Family: Globins

Vojetchovsky, Berendzen, Schlichting



PDB: 1EW6 Dehaloperoxidase (DHP) Class: All α proteins Superfamily: Globin-like

Lebioda et al. *J.Biol.Chem.* 275 18712 (2000)

Globins and Peroxidases diverged 1.8 billion years ago

Implicit meaning: Ancestral protein was both a hemoglobin and a peroxidase

Terrebellid polychaetes do not figure in the scheme



Comparison of DHP and SWMb Structures



SWMb DHP

Overlay of active sites

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Mb



Globins have ferrous iron and bind O₂

Heme is iron protoporphyrin IX.

Functional aspects in Mb

1. Discrimination against CO binding.

2. O_2 is the physiologically relevant ligand, but it can oxidize iron (autooxidation).



Peroxidases have ferric iron and bind H₂O₂

Heme is iron protoporphyrin IX.

Functional aspects in HRP

1. Activation involves formation of compounds I and II.

2. Edge electron transfer to substrate.



DHP oxidation state may switch during peroxidase function

How can a proten be both and globin and a peroxidase?

What is the trigger?

Substrate binding must be the key.

