



## Highly efficient hydrogen peroxide biosensors based on dye-decolorizing peroxidases

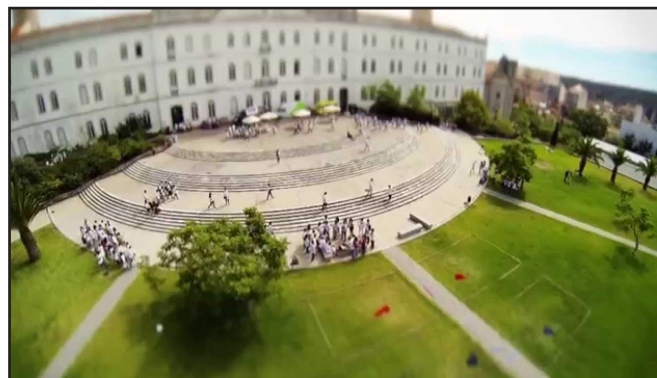
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### Abstract:

Dye-decolorizing peroxidases (DyP) are heme-containing enzymes that couple the oxidation of different substrates, such as phenolic and azo dyes and lignin related compounds with the reduction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to water. Due to their broad substrate range, easy genetic manipulation and over-expression in *E. coli*, as well as their stability over wide ranges of pH and temperature, DyPs are considered an attractive target for development of biotechnological applications.<sup>1</sup> In this work the DyP from *Pseudomonas putida* MET94 (PpDyP) and three variants obtained by directed evolution,<sup>2</sup> which display increased resistance to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> inactivation in solution, were explored for the construction of a H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> biosensor. The wild-type (wt) enzyme and variant forms 29E4 (E188K, H125Y mutations), 6E10 (E188K, A142V, H125Y mutations) and 25F6 (E188K, A142V, H125Y, G129D mutations) were immobilized on biocompatible silver electrodes. The structural properties of the adsorbed PpDyPs were addressed by surface enhanced resonance Raman (SERR) spectroscopy, and their electrocatalytic properties towards H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reduction were studied by electrochemistry.

A successful immobilization maintaining the structural characteristics was achieved for all enzymes. From the four enzymes studied the wt and 29E4 PpDyP bioelectrodes displayed the best performance with a good dynamic response range (1-200 μM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), high sensitivity (1.3-1.4 A<sub>1M-1</sub>cm<sup>-2</sup>) for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and long term stability.<sup>3</sup> With this work we show for the 1st time that DyPs can be used for the construction of 3rd generation H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> biosensors. Importantly, the proposed PpDyP devices display superior sensitivity in comparison to biosensors based on other peroxidases, such as horseradish peroxidase.<sup>4</sup>



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