

Purification of Sulphydryl Oxidase

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SUMMARY

Enzymes play a key role in food production. The use of recombinant enzymes for the food industry is a growing market. In this application we describe the purification of sulphydryl oxidase (SOx) by affinity chromatography. Its stabilizing potential makes this enzyme an ideal candidate for food applications where proteins play a role, for example baking products or egg dishes. Additionally SOx is commercially rare and the broad application field provides huge potential for the food industry.

INTRODUCTION

With the recombinant expression of functional proteins through the development of modern biotechnology, enzymes have a special status in industry and research. Sulphydryl oxidase (SOx) catalysis the formation of disulfide bonds within and between proteins which naturally plays a fundamental role for the folding of proteins during cell metabolism. In industrial food production, intermolecular crosslinks of proteins can have a stabilizing effect on products and could be used as a biological substitute for chemical stabilizers. [1] The future production and the commercial distribution is therefore of high interest.

RESULTS

The recombinantly produced His-tagged SOx was purified with an immobilized metal ion chromatography (IMAC) resin. The chromatogram is shown in **Fig. 1**. Peak A represents the flow-through of unbound proteins. The His-tagged SOx was eluted with buffer B (Peak B) and collected via the fraction valve. The collected sample was analyzed by SDS-PAGE to check for impurities and evaluate the purity of the collected sample (**Fig. 2**). The recombinant His-tagged SOx has a molecular weight of 15 kDa. The supernatant shows a prominent 15 kDa band representing the expressed SOx. This band is not visible in the flow through fraction. Most of the His-tagged SOx bound to the IMAC column. Only minor contaminations are visible in the eluted protein fraction. A standard of SOx at a concentration of 1.13 g/L was prepared.

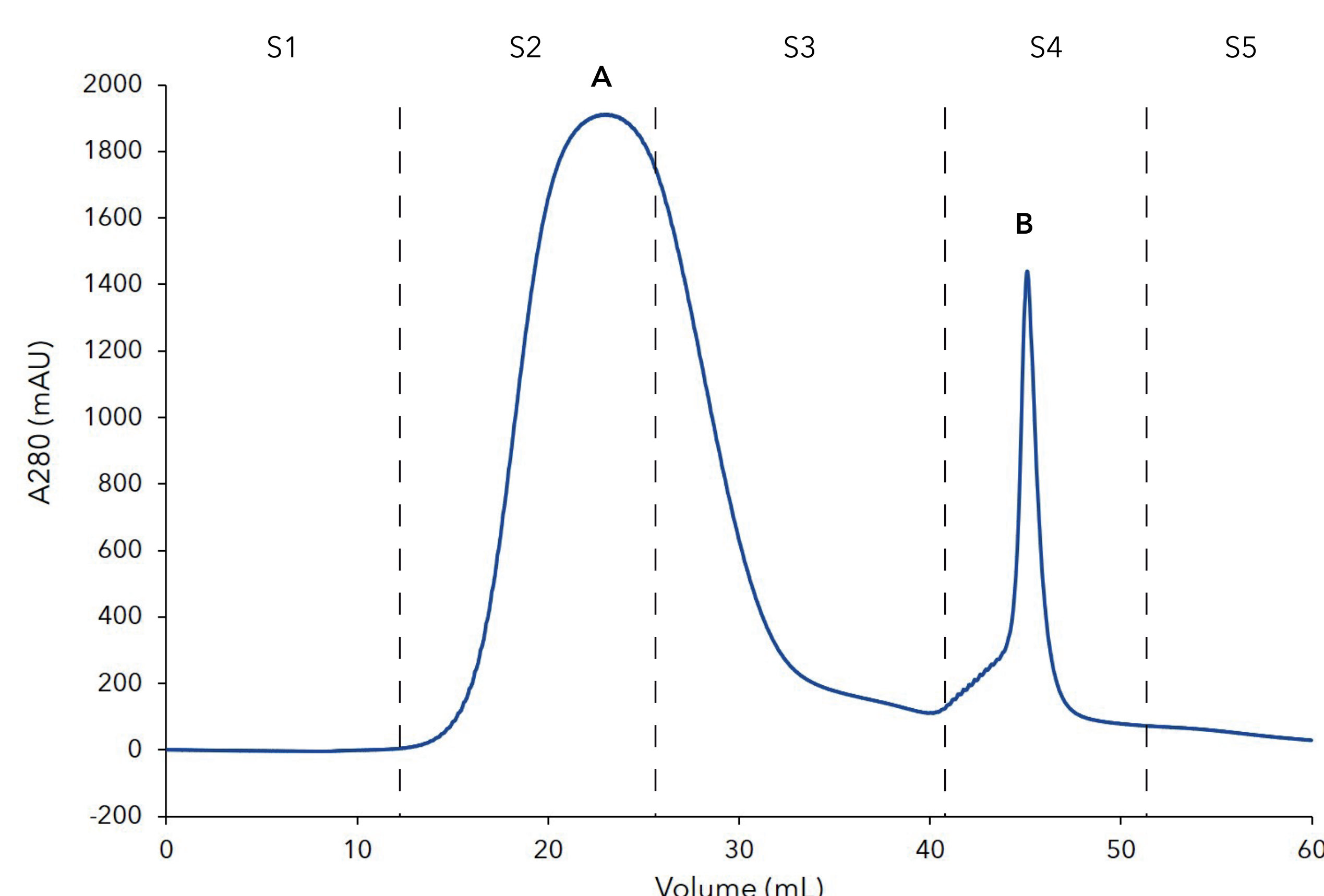


Fig. 1 Chromatogram of SOx affinity purification; A - flow through of unbound protein, B - elution peak of SOx; S1 - column equilibration, S2 - sample application, S3 - column washing, S4 - elution of His-tagged Sox, S5 - re-equilibration

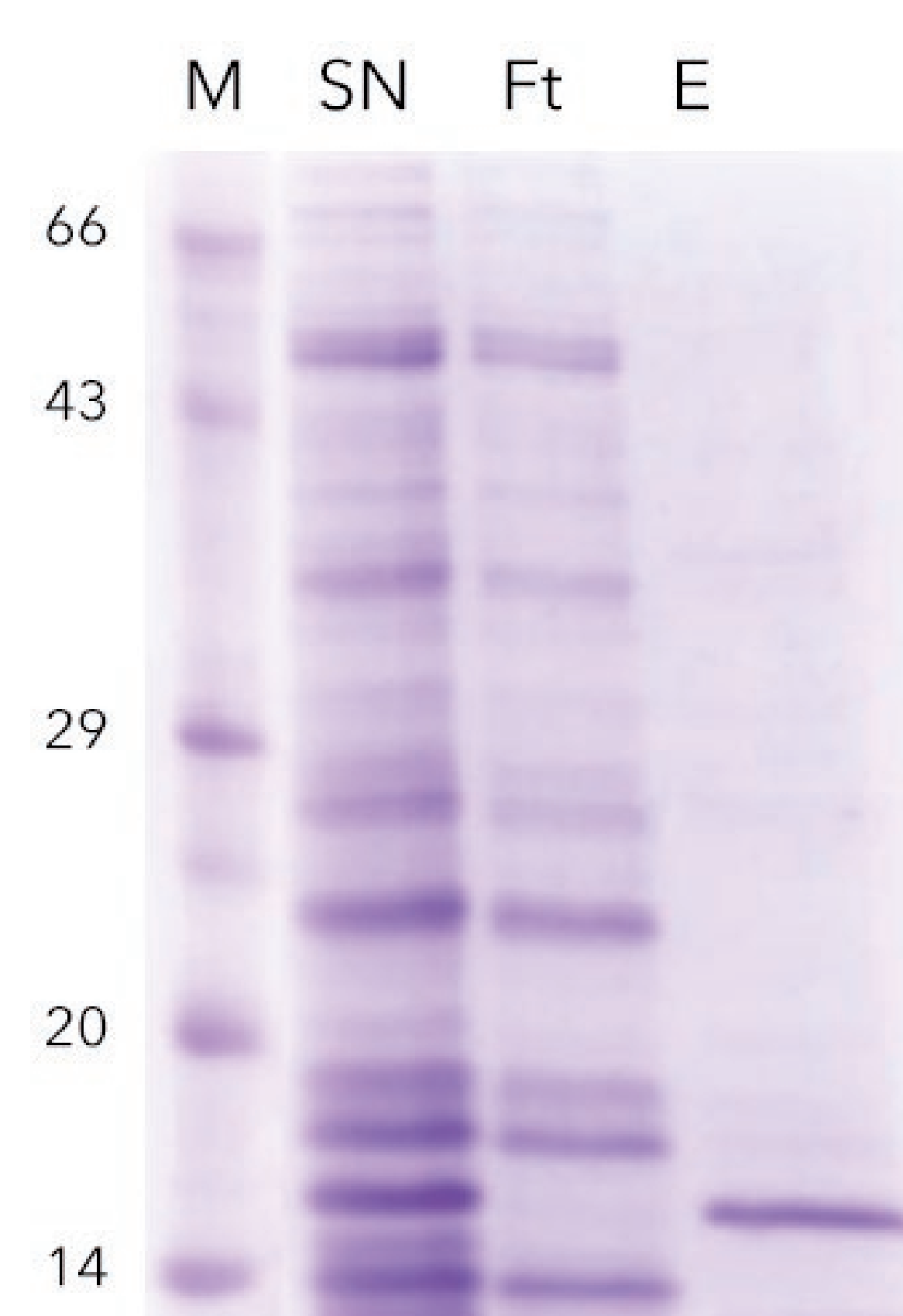


Fig. 2 SDS-PAGE of SOx purification, M - marker, SN - supernatant with over-expressed protein, Ft - flow through, E - eluted protein (purified SOx protein ~15 kDa)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

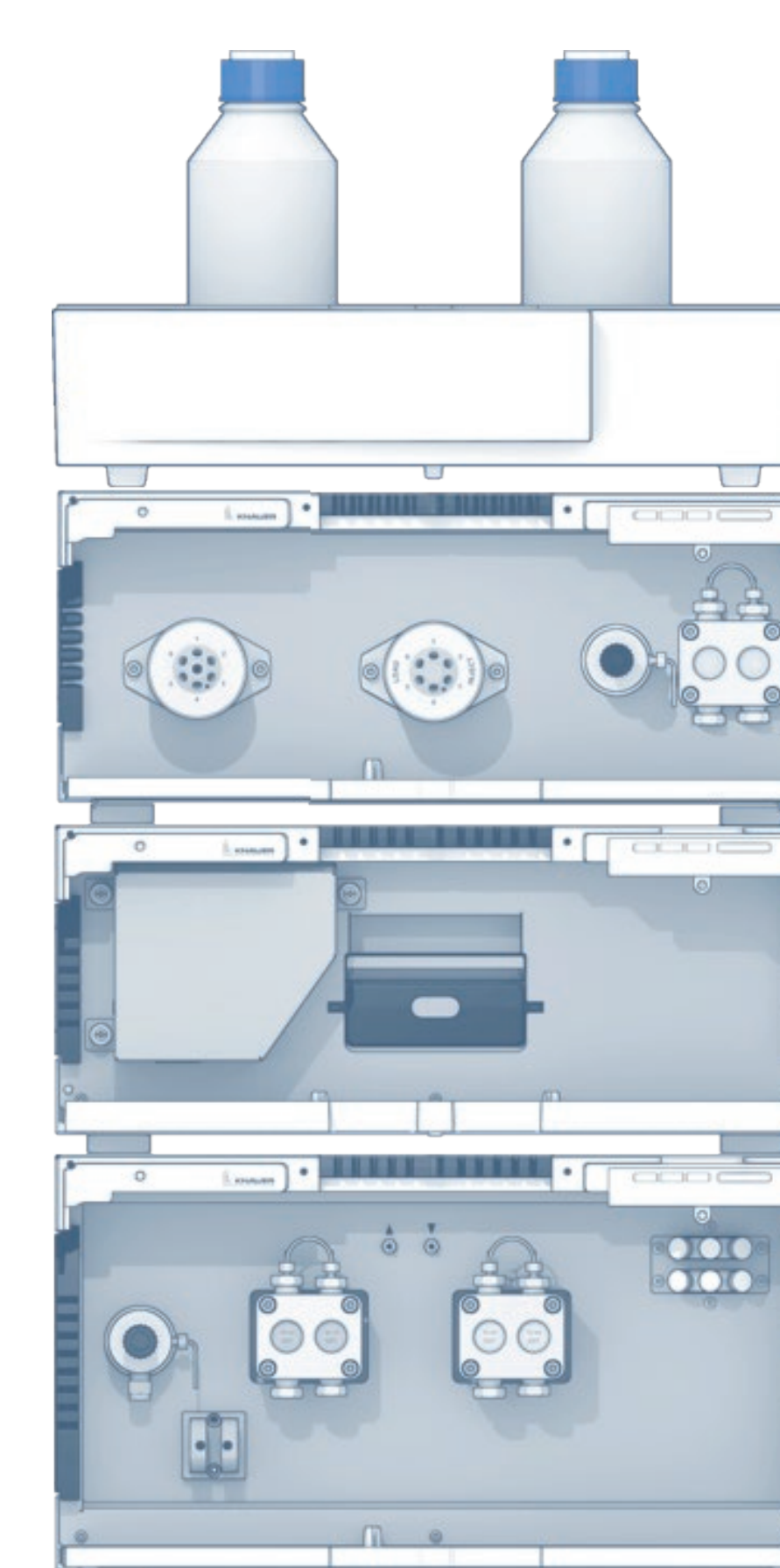
An AZURA® Bio purification system consisting of an AZURA P 6.1L HPG metal-free pump, AZURA ASM 2.1L assistant module 6 port/3 channel injection valve and a 6 port multi position fraction valve, an AZURA MWD 2.1L multi wavelength detector with semi-preparative biocompatible 3 mm, 2 µL flow cell cartridge was used. A Tricorn™ 10/200 column was filled with Chelating Sepharose™ Fast Flow to a column volume of 15 mL. The column was equilibrated with 50 mM NaOAc, pH 5.0 and loaded with nickel ions by applying 0.5 column volume 50 mM NaOAc, 100 mM NiSO₄, pH 5.0. Unbound ions were washed out with 50 mM NaOAc, pH 5.0. Sulphydryl-Oxidase was over expressed in *Bacillus subtilis*. After cultivation the fermentation broth was centrifuged for 30 min at 4300 x g for primary clarification purposes. The supernatant was 0.45 µm filtered, concentrated via ultrafiltration and subsequently used for the chromatographic purification. After applying the supernatant, the IMAC column was washed for 6 min at a flow rate of 3 mL/min with buffer A. Next, the target protein was eluted with 15 mL Buffer B and collected with the fraction valve. The column was re-equilibrated with buffer A. The UV signal was measured at 280 nm. The samples were analyzed for purity by SDS-PAGE.

CONCLUSION

Purification and concentration of SOx with the AZURA® LC System was successfully established. The recombinant His-tagged SOx was over-expressed in *Bacillus subtilis* and could be purified by IMAC from the fermentation supernatant. The availability of pure enzyme enables tests for further characterization of the target enzyme as well as precise identification of the SOx' potential in diverse food applications.

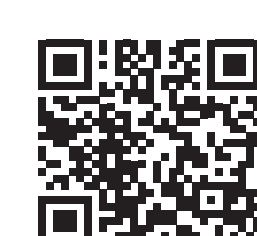
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Tab. A1 Method parameters

Eluent A	20 mM Na ₃ PO ₄ , 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM Imidazol, pH 7.4		
Eluent B	20 mM Na ₃ PO ₄ , 300 mM NaCl, 250 mM Imidazol, pH 7.4		
Gradient	Volume (mL)	% A	% B
	0	100	0
	18	100	0
	18.3	0	100
	33	0	100
	33.3	100	0
	60	100	0
Flow rate	3 mL/min	Detection wavelength	280 nm
Run temperature	RT	Run time	20 min
Injection volume	10 mL	Injection mode	Full loop

Tab. A2 System configuration & data

Instrument	Description	Article No.
Pump	AZURA® P6.1L HPG 50 mL ceramic	APH68FB
Assistent	AZURA® ASM 2.1L Right: 6P/Mpos 1/16" PEEK Middle: 6P/2Pos 1/16 "PEEK Left: P4.1S 10 mL ceramic	
Detector	AZURA® MWD2.1L	ADB01
Flow cell	3 mm path length, 1/16", 2 µL volume, 300 bar, biocompatible	AMB18
Column	Tricorn™ 10/200 Säule, Chelating Sepharose™ Fast Flow	
Software	Purity Chrom Bio	A2650

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