

the enzyme activity. Chemical modification of BPO2 by 2,4,6-trinitrobenzenesulfonic acid, N-bromosuccinimide, 2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzyl bromide, diethylpyrocarbonate, carbodiimide, iodoacetic acid and iodoacetamide inactivated the enzyme activity while modification by N-acetylimidazole, o-nitrophenylsulfenyl chloride and 1,2-cyclohexanedione did not change the enzyme activity. None of the modifying agent used in this study increased the enzyme activity or stability. The modification of BPO1 by iodoacetamide enhanced the enzyme activity about 500% and enhanced thermostability in both acidic and alkaline condition. K_m values of iodoacetamide-modified BPO1 for monochlorodimedone, potassium bromide and hydrogen peroxide were 1.43×10^{-5} , 1.54×10^{-2} , and 9.09×10^{-7} M respectively while the K_m values of the native enzyme were 2.94×10^{-5} , 2.17×10^{-4} and 1.00×10^{-4} M, respectively.

BPO1 contained two isoenzymes, BPO1.1 and BPO1.2 were isolated by using non-denaturing electrophoresis. From amino acid analysis of iodoacetamide-modified BPO1.1 and BPO1.2, the modified lysyl residues were 14 and 16 residues of the total lysyl residues of 42 and 49.5 residues, respectively at 18 hours of incubation at 35°C pH 7.0 while the modified histidyl residues were 6 and 9.5 of the total histidyl residues of 30 and 21.6 residues, respectively. The results suggested that the modified lysyl and histidyl residues might be involved in the enhancement of the enzyme activity and stability of BPO1.