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Background

Ac-Ile-Glu-Pro-Asp-pNA (Ac-IEPD-pNA) is a colorimetric substrate for granzyme B (GzmB) and caspase-8 [1, 2]. Granzyme B and caspase-8 preferentially bind and cleave the Ile-Glu-Pro-Asp (IEPD) peptide sequence, and the catalytic activity of the enzyme is indirectly measured by detecting the release of p-nitroaniline (pNA), which is measured by the optical density (OD) at 405 nm^[3]. Granzyme B is a serine protease found in cytotoxic T cells and NK cells, which cleaves and activates several caspases involved in apoptosis^[4]. Caspase-8 is a caspase protein that participates in the signal transduction of death receptors of the tumor necrosis factor receptor family and is also essential for the induction of the transcription factor NF- κ B^[5]. Ac-Ile-Glu-Pro-Asp-pNA is recommended as a potential granzyme B target and the optimal P4-P1 substrate sequence for granzyme B.

The structural and group characteristics of Ac-Ile-Glu-Pro-Asp-pNA are as follows:

- (1) N-acetyl group (Ac): protects the N-terminus of the amino acid to prevent nonspecific reactions.
- (2) Amino acid sequence (Ile-Glu-Pro-Asp): This specific sequence mimics certain natural substrates and helps to study the specificity of proteases for different substrates.
- (3) p-Nitroaniline (pNA): It is a common chromogenic group that releases a yellow product with light-absorbing properties after hydrolysis, which is convenient for monitoring enzyme reactions through spectral measurement.

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