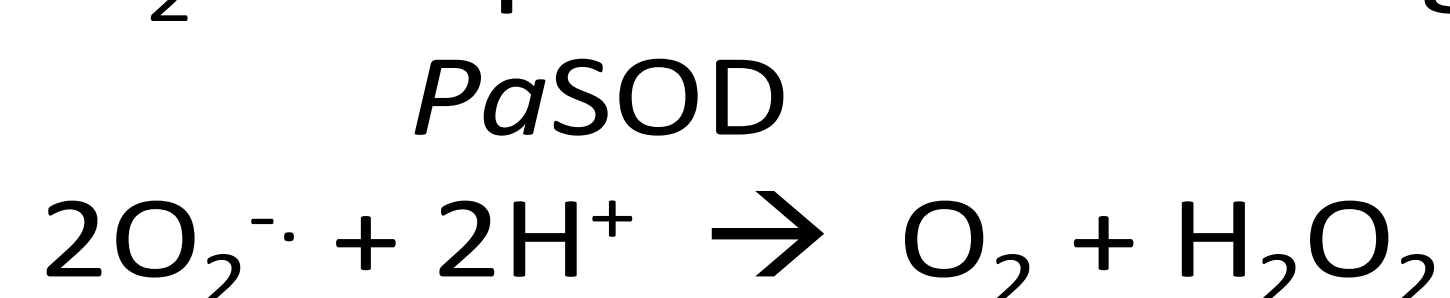


A unique autoclavable SOD engineered from western Himalayan plant *Potentilla atrosanguinea* (PaSOD)

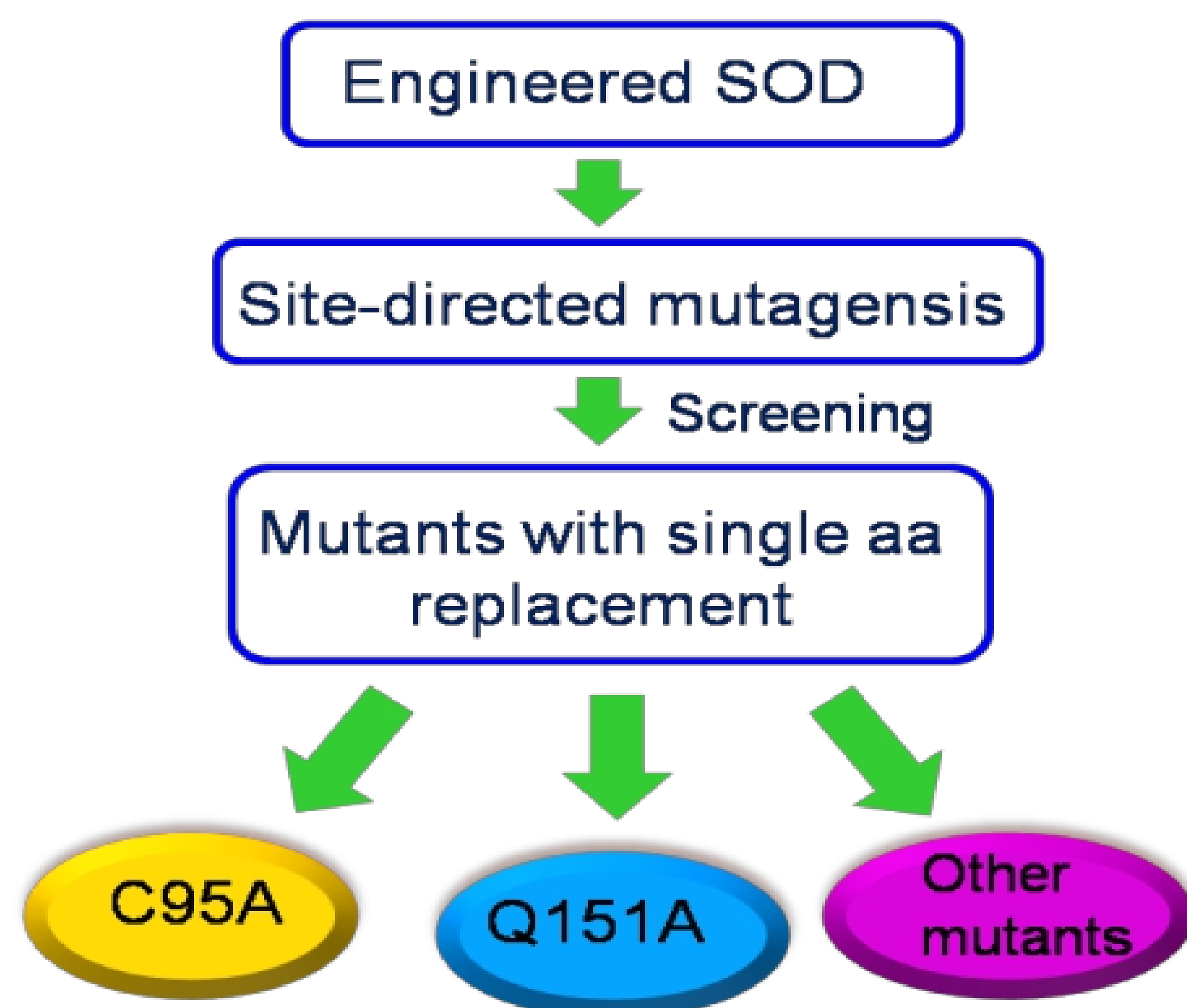
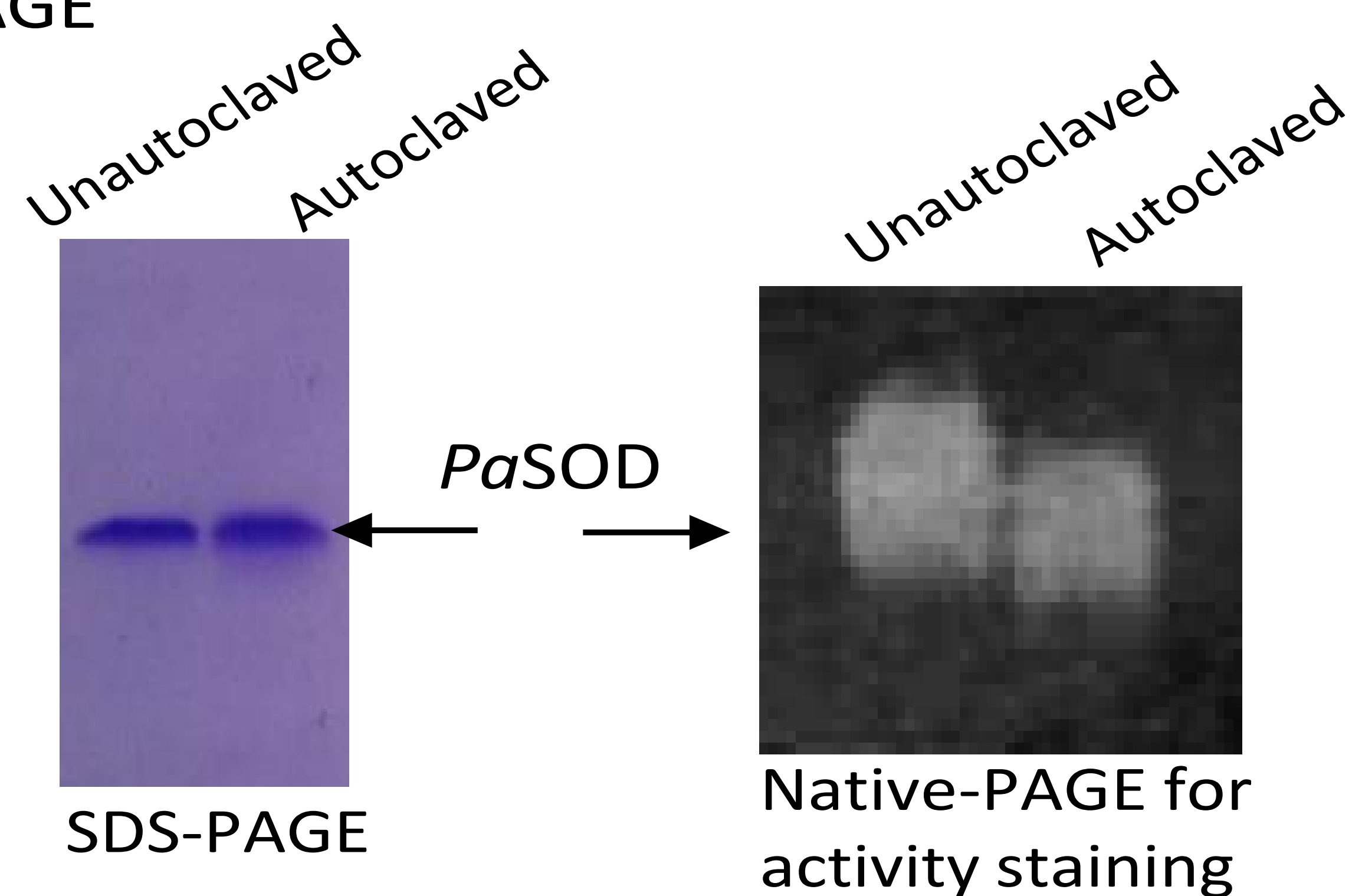
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Superoxide dismutase: a way to aerobic life

Oxygen is needed for our survival and survival of plants. However, the same oxygen generates a toxic species known as superoxide radical ($O_2^{\cdot-}$) in a number of metabolic reactions. If $O_2^{\cdot-}$ is not removed, it causes lipid peroxidation, protein denaturation and DNA mutation. To protect cells and organisms, immediate removal of $O_2^{\cdot-}$ is essential. Superoxide dismutase (SOD) is the enzyme that is required to scavenge $O_2^{\cdot-}$ as per the following reaction



PaSOD is a protein of ~17.5 kDa, which can be visualised easily on a polyacrylamide gel popularly known as SDS-PAGE. Activity of the protein can easily be spotted by native-PAGE



Related patents

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Location and source of PaSOD



P. atrosanguinea at Kunzam Pass, (4500m altitude)



Closer view of *Potentilla*

PaSOD differs from the reported SODs in several respects

- PaSOD tolerates autoclaving [retains~75% of the un-autoclaved activity (specific activity) as measured at 5 to 10°C].
- It functions across <0°C to >40 °C with varying activities at different assay temperatures.
- Stable at room temperature

Applications of PaSOD

Medical Industry: The enzyme is needed in several medical operations such as (1) during cryo-surgery, surgery, transplantation of heart, kidney, skin, liver, lung, and pancreas etc., (2) storage of cornea/lens, (3), in extending the shelf life of organelles, cells even at low temperature, (4) treatment of asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, wounding and burning of tissue and so on.

Cosmetic Industry: To be included in creams, shampoo and lotion etc.

Food Industry: For the storage of processed and un-processed food items such as cream, milk, packed vegetables, packed meat, packed chicken and other items pertaining to industry

Plant Industry: Plants do require it to protect against stress situations of drought, low/high temperature and so on.



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