

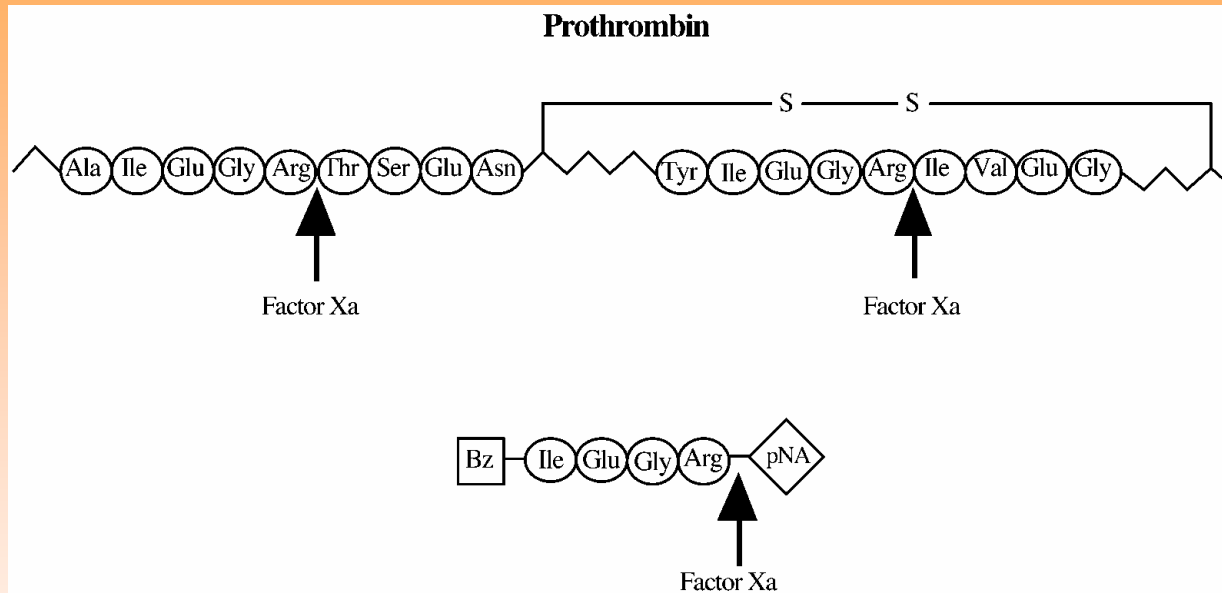
CHROMOGENIC SUBSTRATE TECHNOLOGY

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What is a chromogenic substrate?

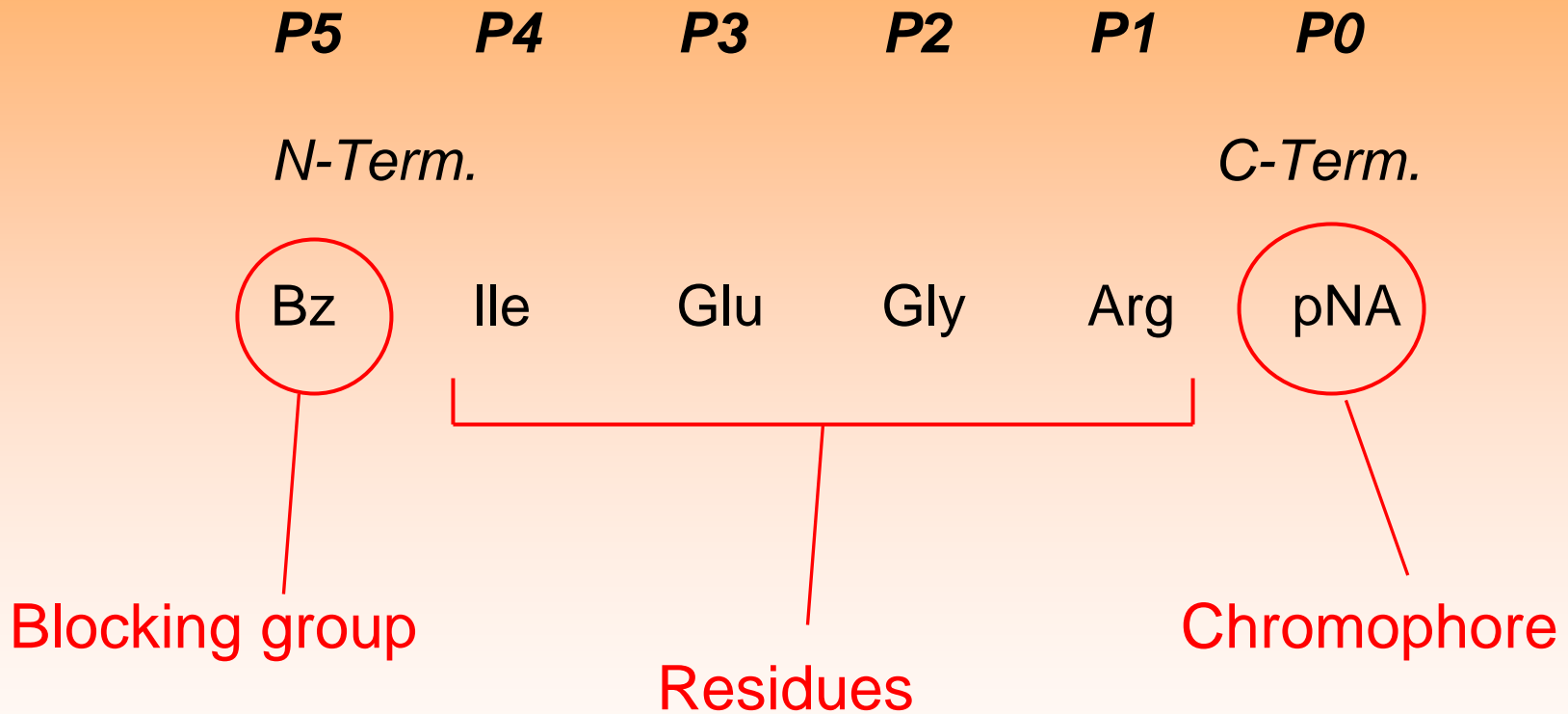
- A peptide linked to a chromophore
- The peptide is formed by 3-5 residues
- The chromophore is p-nitroaniline (p-NA)
- The residues can be natural amino acids or chemically modified amino acids
- The sequence of the residues mimics the sequence of the natural substrate
- The hydrolysis of the substrate causes the release of pNA (yellow colored compound)

Chemical structure



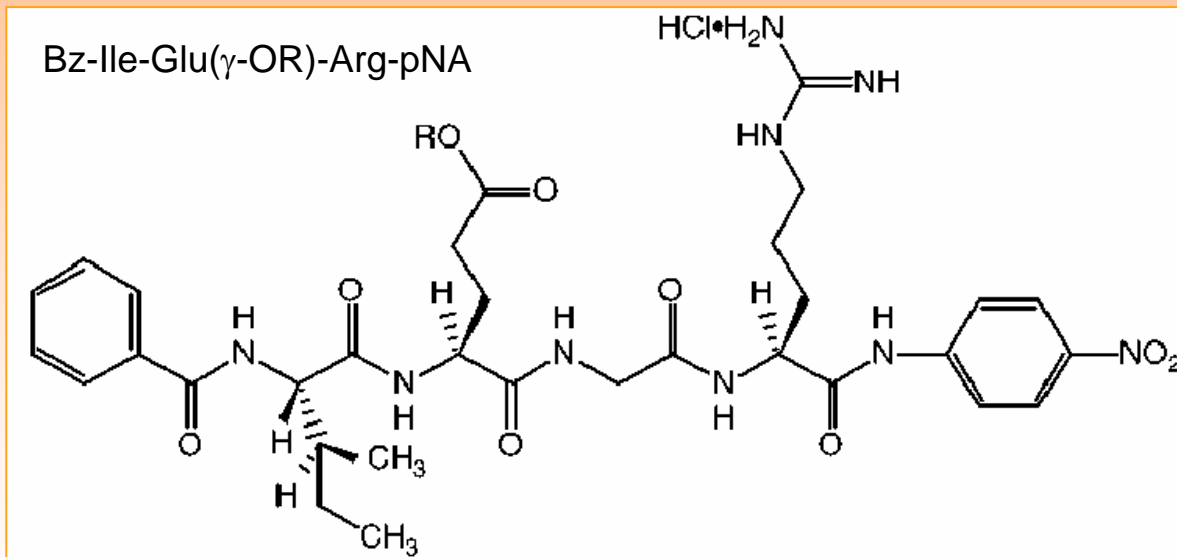
Prothrombin, the natural substrate of FXa, is cleaved by FXa at two positions, each preceded by the same four amino acid sequence. FXa activity can be determined by the chromogenic substrate S-2222 which is composed of the same amino acids coupled to a chromophore

Chemical structure



Chemical structure

S-2222: a substrate specific for FXa



Enzymes

- Proteins that catalyze chemical reactions
- They exerts its catalytic activity upon substrates
- Proteolytic enzymes act on their natural substrates, proteins, by hydrolyzing one or more peptide bond(s)
- The hydrolyzing process is usually highly specific as only peptide bonds adjacent to certain amino acids are cleaved

Classes of proteases

Name

Active site

Serine proteases

Ser His Asp*

Cystein proteases

Cys His Asp*

Aspartic proteases

Asp Asp

Metallo proteases

His His Zn²⁺

**Asp not always present*

Serine proteases

Two groups: Trypsins and Subtilisin



Trypsin
Chymotrypsin
Elastase
Tryptase
Blood coag factors

**In
bacteria
only**

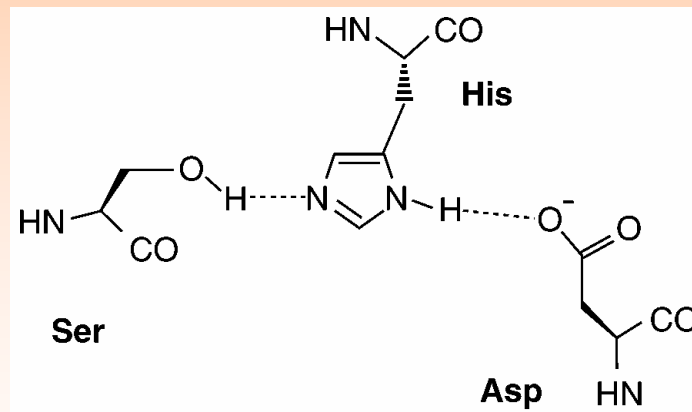
Trypsins

The Trypsin family is classified according to the type of amino acid (a.a.) that occurs at the preferred cleavage site:

<i>Enzyme</i>	<i>Cleavage site</i>
Elastase	hydrophobic a.a.
Chymotrypsin	aromatic a.a.
Others	basic a.a. (Arg or Lys)

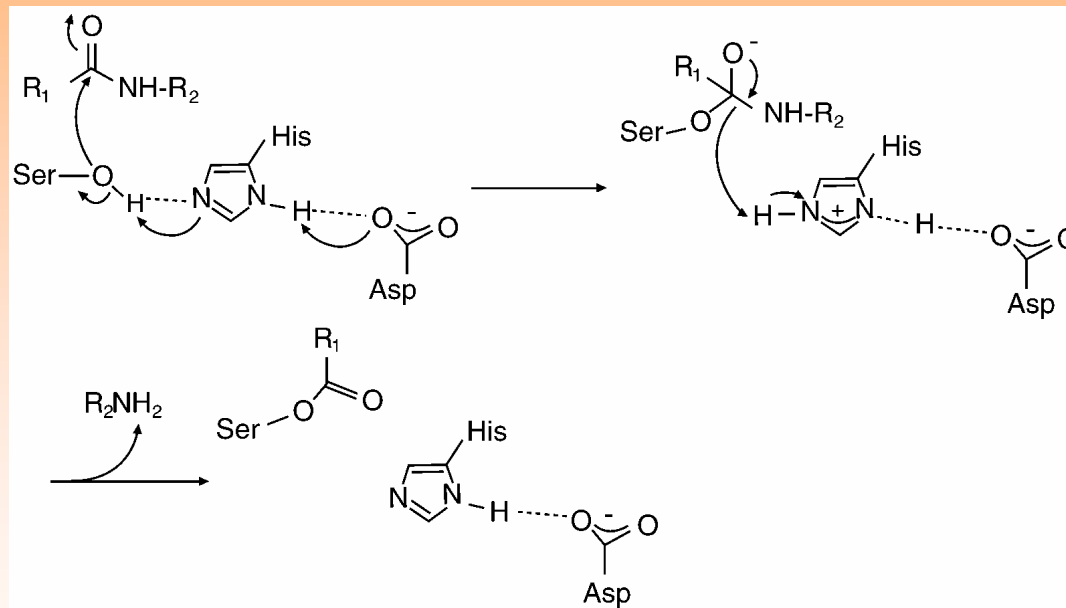
The catalytic site

- The reaction is the result of the interaction between the substrate and the catalytic site
- The catalytic site is known as the catalytic triad



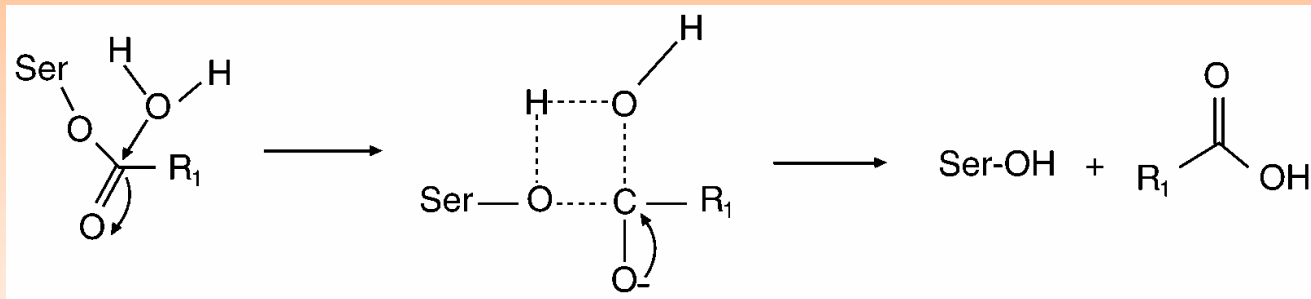
The proteolytic reaction

Formation of an acyl-enzyme intermediate

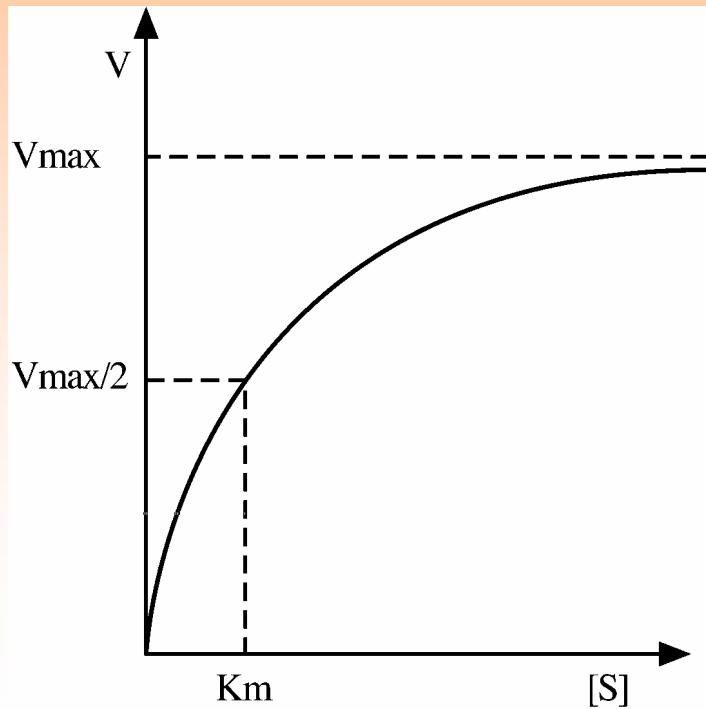
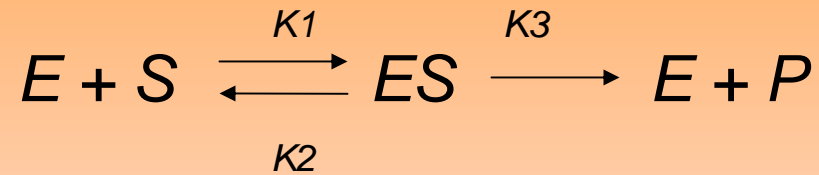


The proteolytic reaction

Hydrolysis of the acyl-enzyme intermediate



Enzyme kinetics



$$V = V_{\max} \frac{[S]}{[S] + K_m}$$

$$K_m = \frac{k_2 + k_3}{k_1}$$

Enzyme kinetics

- k_{cat} is the turnover number and corresponds to k_3 . It is the maximal number of substrate molecules that can be converted to product per time unit
- K_m corresponds to the concentration of substrate which gives a reaction rate of $V_{max}/2$.

Enzyme units

The enzymatic activity is defined in two ways:

- By comparison with the activity of a standard preparation, where the units are defined by WHO, NIH etc...
- By measuring the amount of substrate split, or the product formed per time unit

Enzyme activity: calculation

- 1 nkat = 1×10^{-9} mol product released per sec
- pNA has a molar absorptivity of $9600 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ L}$
- A general chromogenic method can be summarized as follows:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Volume (μL)</u>
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Buffer	v1
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Sample	v2
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Substrate	v3
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A) Initial rate method: reading at 405 nm and determination of $\Delta A/\text{min}$

B) Acid stopped method: incubation (t) and addition of Acetic acid

Acetic acid	v4
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$\text{nkat/mL} = 1.74 \times V/v2 \times \Delta A/\text{min}$ (Initial rate method)

$\text{nkat/mL} = 1.74 \times V/(v2 \times t) \times A$ (Acid stopped method)

Historical background

- The application of chromogenic substrates in hemostasis began in the early 1970s
- BAPNA was the first chromogenic substrate for serine proteases but with poor selectivity
- S-2160 was the first chromogenic thrombin substrate
- Among the 500 pNA peptides synthesized, 24 have been found having the best specificity and reactivity towards the enzymes studied
- Now, our product range covers quite extensively the multiple needs of the customers

Application of the chromogenic technology:

Antithrombin

Heparin

Protein C

Antithrombin

Antithrombin is the major thrombin inhibitor, accounting for approximately 80% of the thrombin inhibitory activity in plasma.

Thrombin inhibition

- Inhibitors
 - Antithrombin
 - α 2-macroglobulin
 - Trypsin inhibitor
 - Heparin cofactor II
- Thrombomodulin
 - Turns thrombin into a protein C activator

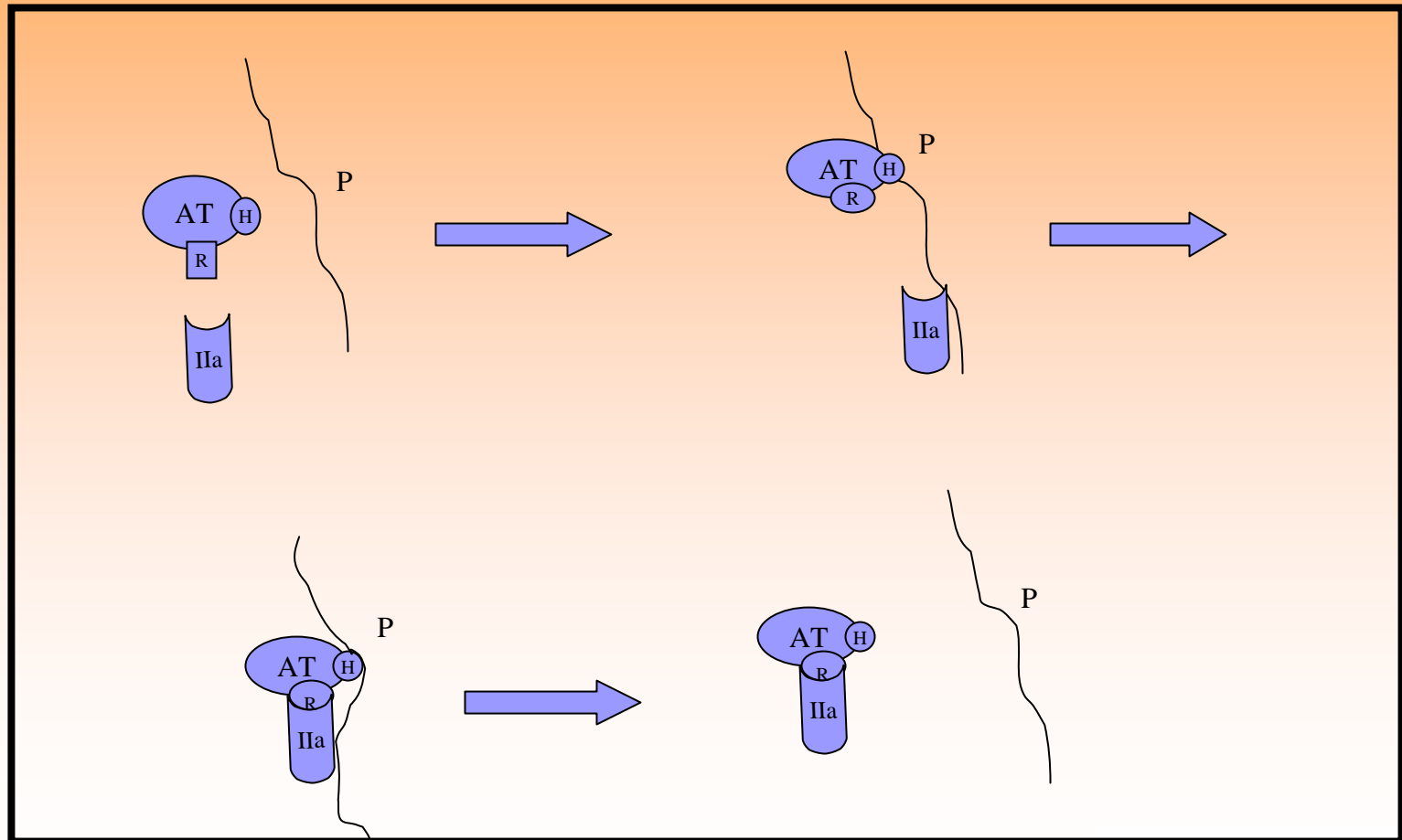
Antithrombin - the protein

- 58 KDa single-chain plasma glycoprotein
- Synthesised in the liver
- Plasma concentration 150 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (2.5 μM)
- Half-life 3 days

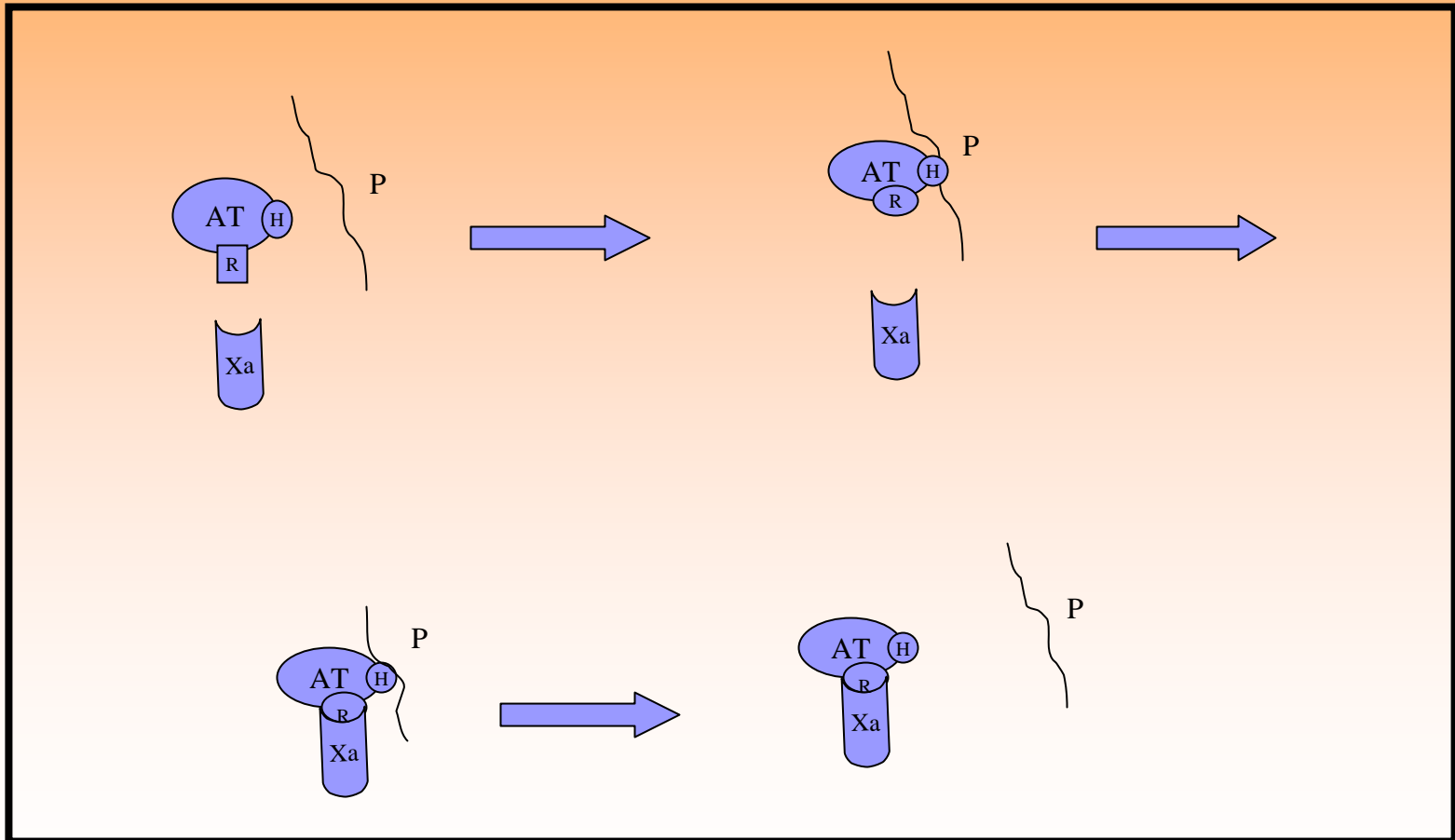
Antithrombin - the inhibitor

- Antithrombin inhibits thrombin, FIXa, FXa, FXIa, FXIIa and the complement enzyme C1.
- Antithrombin forms a 1:1 complex with the inhibited protease.
- The inhibition is enhanced by heparan sulphate, a heparin like substance on the endothelial cells, lining the blood vessels.
- Binding of heparan sulphate to antithrombin induces a conformational change in the antithrombin molecule at the reaction site. This facilitates its reaction with the enzyme.

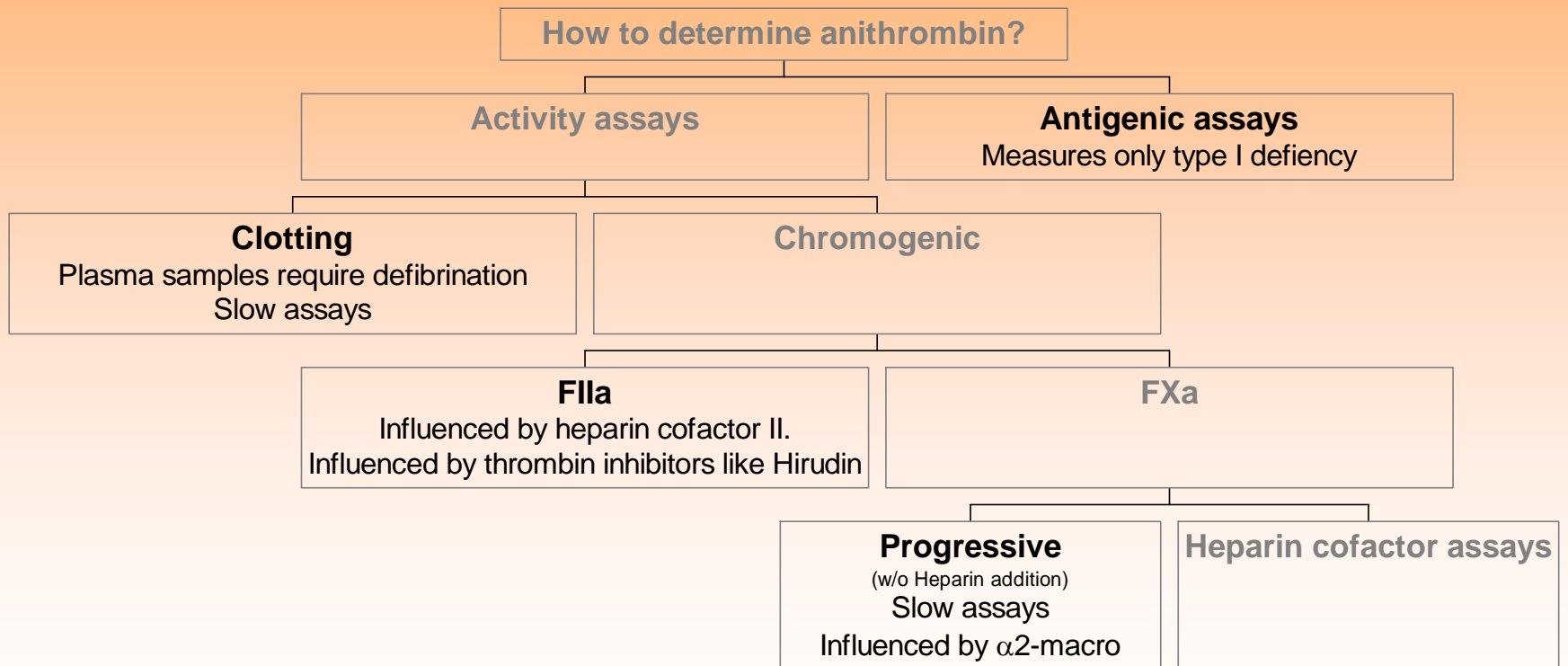
Thrombin inhibition catalysed by heparin



FXa inhibition catalysed by heparin



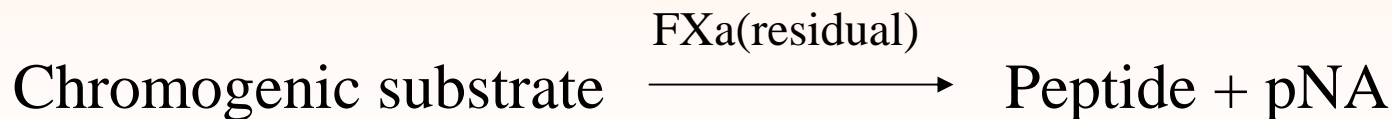
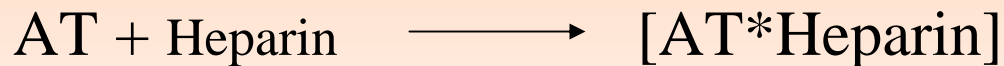
Antithrombin monitoring



Antithrombin monitoring chromogenic activity assays

Chromogenic heparin cofactor activity assays:

- The sample is incubated with heparin and an excess amount of thrombin or FXa. The residual thrombin or FXa then cleaves a chromogenic substrate



Antithrombin: anti-FXa assay

Sample/Standard dilution: 25 μ l sample+
3000 μ l saline

Procedure

Diluted sample/standard

Factor Xa (2.9 nkat/ml in Hep Buffer)

Incubate at 37°C

S-2765 (0.8 mg/ml)

Read $\Delta A/\text{min}$ at 405 nm for rate method or add 50 μ l Acetic acid after 90 sec incubation for end-point method.

Volumes

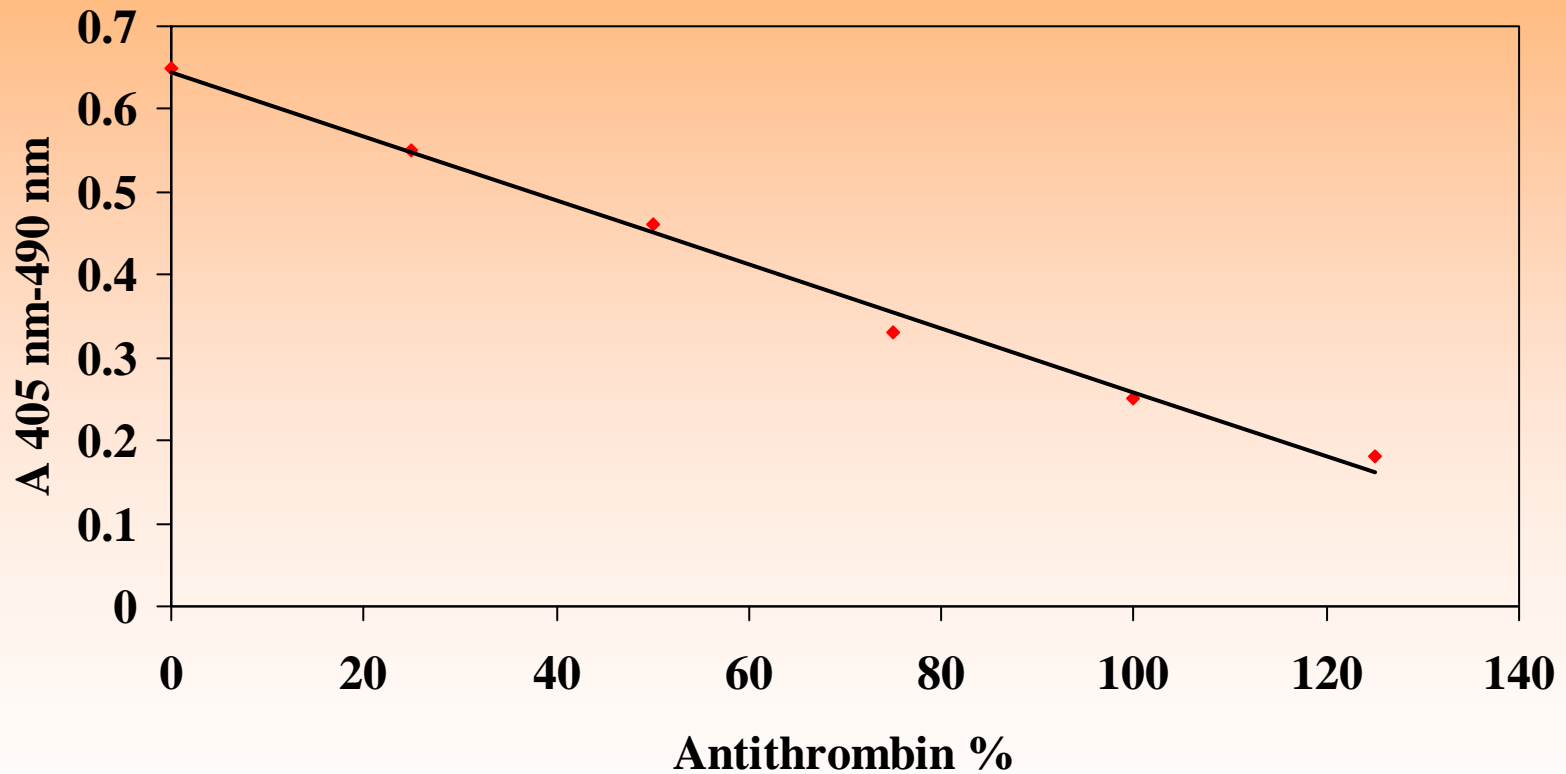
50 μ l

50 μ l

90 sec

50 μ l

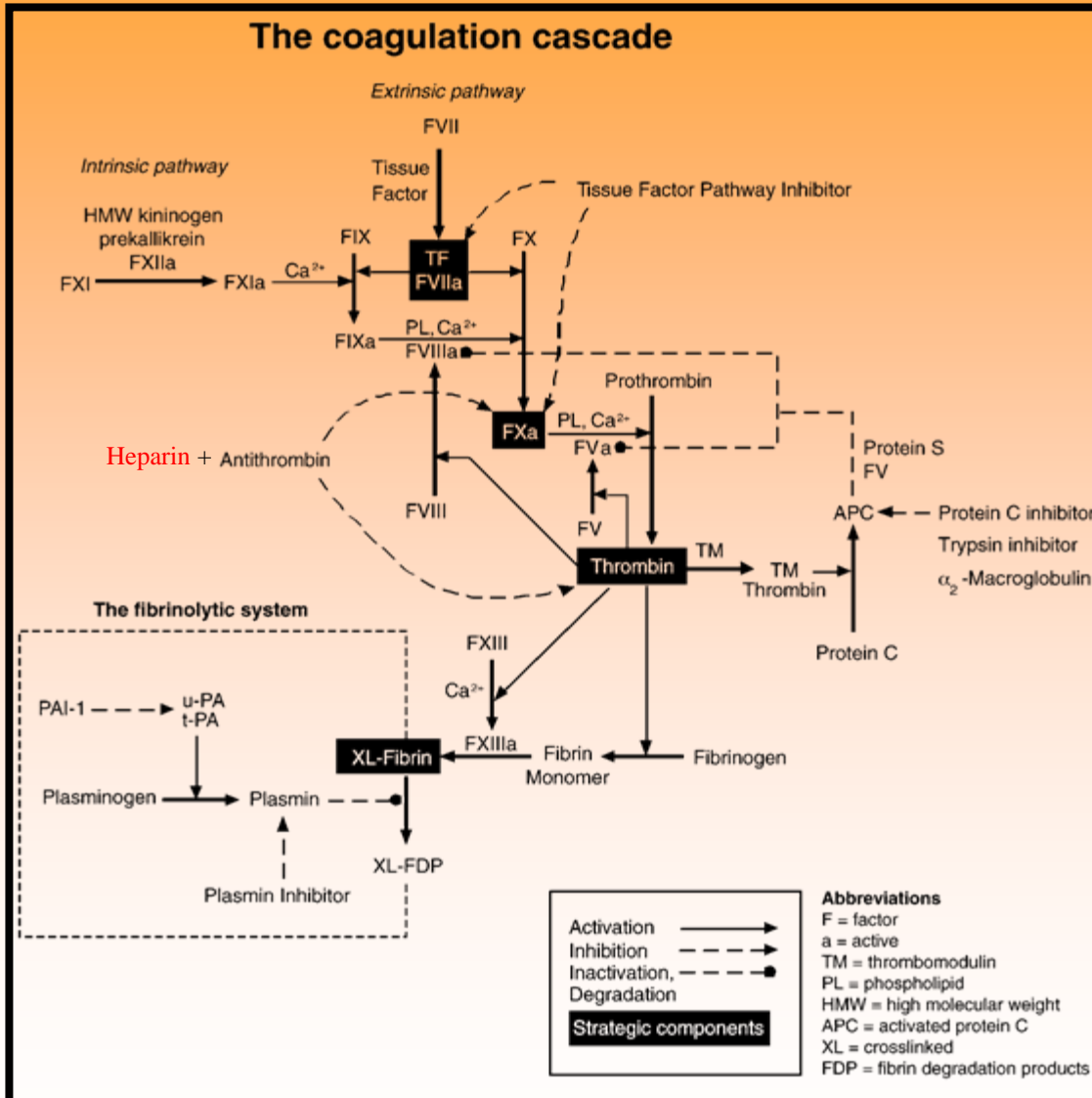
Antithrombin: anti-FXa assay



Heparin

- Heparin is a heterogeneous mixture of unbranched polysaccharide chains
- Alternating monosaccharide units of L-iduronic acid and D-glucosamine
- The molecule size in the natural extract is 2 to 40 Kda
- One third of the polysaccharide chains contain a specific antithrombin binding pentasaccharide sequence

The coagulation cascade



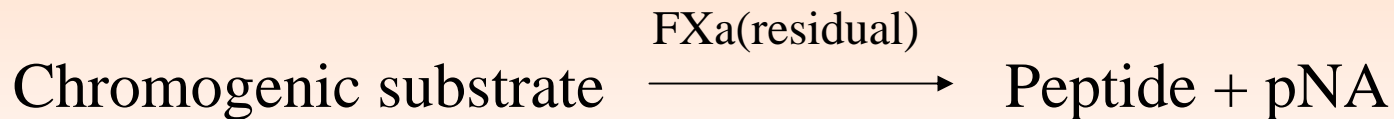
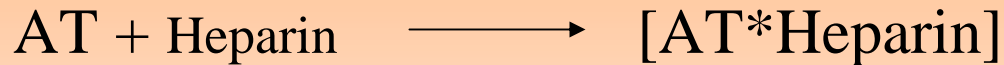
Heparin

Mechanism of action

- Heparin exerts parts of its anticoagulant activity through interaction with antithrombin
- Antithrombin binds specifically to a pentasaccharide in heparin
- Binding to heparin induces a conformational change in the antithrombin, which accelerate the enzyme inhibition

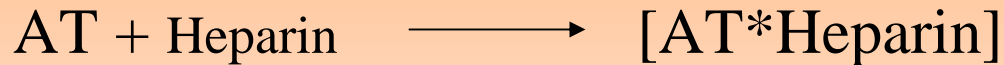
Heparin: chromogenic methods

- Anti-FXa activity:

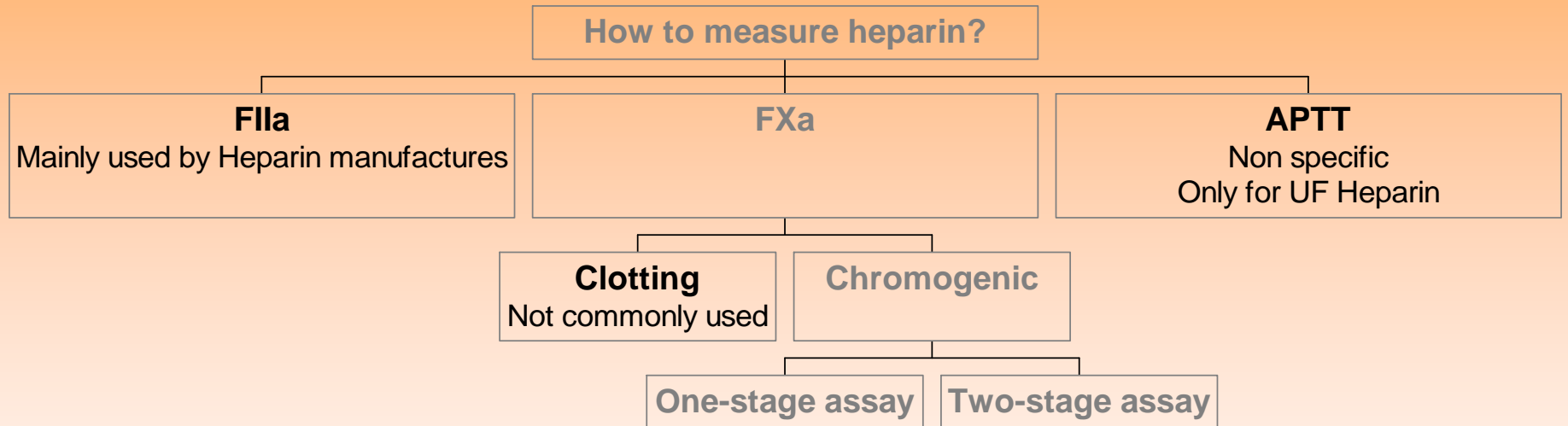


Heparin: chromogenic methods

- Anti-FIIa activity:



Heparin measurements



Heparin: one-stage and two-stage

One-stage (CM Heparin)

Sample/standard Dilution:

100 μ l sample +

300 μ l water

Diluted sample	50 μ l
S-2732 (3 mg/ml)	50 μ l
FXa (7 nkat/ml)	50 μ l
<i>Incubate at 37°C</i>	<i>120 sec</i>
Acetic acid	50 μ l
Read at 405 nm	

Two-stage (CT Heparin)

Sample/Standard Dilution:

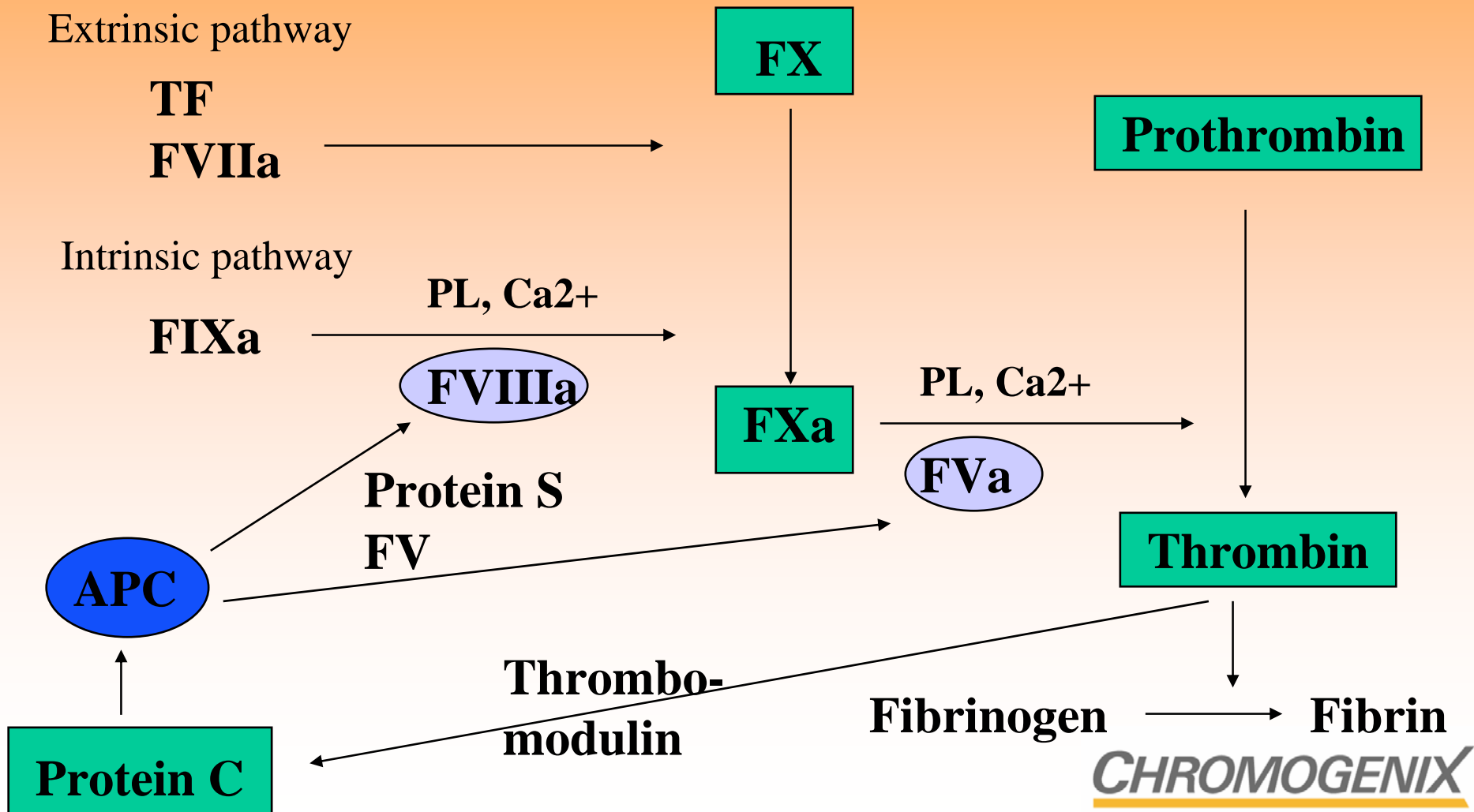
100 μ l sample+

100 μ l AT (1 IU/ml) +

800 μ l Buffer

Diluted sample	200 μ l
FXa (7.1 nkat/ml)	100 μ l
<i>Incubate at 37°C</i>	<i>30 sec</i>
S-2222 (0.75 mg/ml)	200 μ l
<i>Incubate at 37°C</i>	<i>180 sec</i>
Acetic acid	300 μ l
Read at 405 nm	

Protein C in the coagulation system



Protein C - an anticoagulant

Vitamin K dependent proteins:

Anticoagulants: protein C and protein S

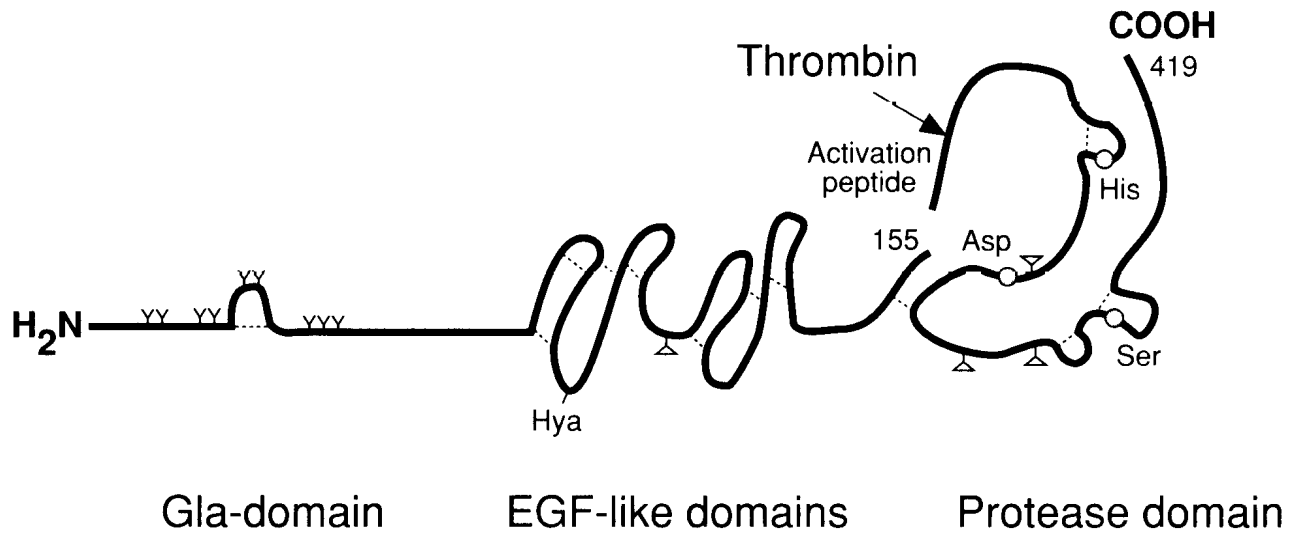
Procoagulants: Factor II, VII, IX and X

Synthesised in the liver

Glu → Gla (glutamic acid residues are converted to gamma-carboxyglutamic acid)

The Gla domain binds calcium ions which form a bridge to the phospholipid surfaces on platelets and endothelial cells.

Protein C-the structure



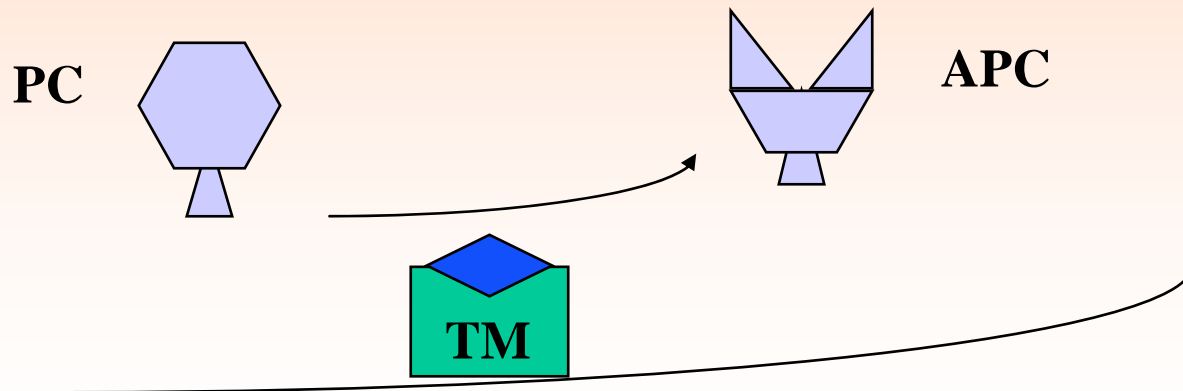
Protein C- the function

Protein C inhibits coagulation through inactivation of FVIIIa and FVa

Protein C potentiates the fibrinolytic system by inhibiting PAI-1, the major inhibitor of fibrinolysis.

Protein C activation

Protein C is activated (to APC) by thrombin.
A small peptide is removed.
Activation by thrombin alone is slow. The complex thrombin-thrombomodulin activates protein C 20 000 times faster.



Protein C activation

Thrombomodulin (TM) is a membrane protein present on the endothelium.

TM has the following effects on thrombin:

- Increases the rate by which thrombin activates protein C

- Removes the procoagulant properties of thrombin

- Accelerates the thrombin-antithrombin reaction

APC cofactors

APC has two known cofactors: Protein S and Factor V.

Protein S:

Protein S enhances binding of APC to the phospholipid of platelets and endothelial cells.

Only free protein S has a APC cofactor function. 60% of protein S is bound to C4bBP.

Factor V

Factor V together with Protein S makes APC degrade FVIIIa and FVa more effectively.

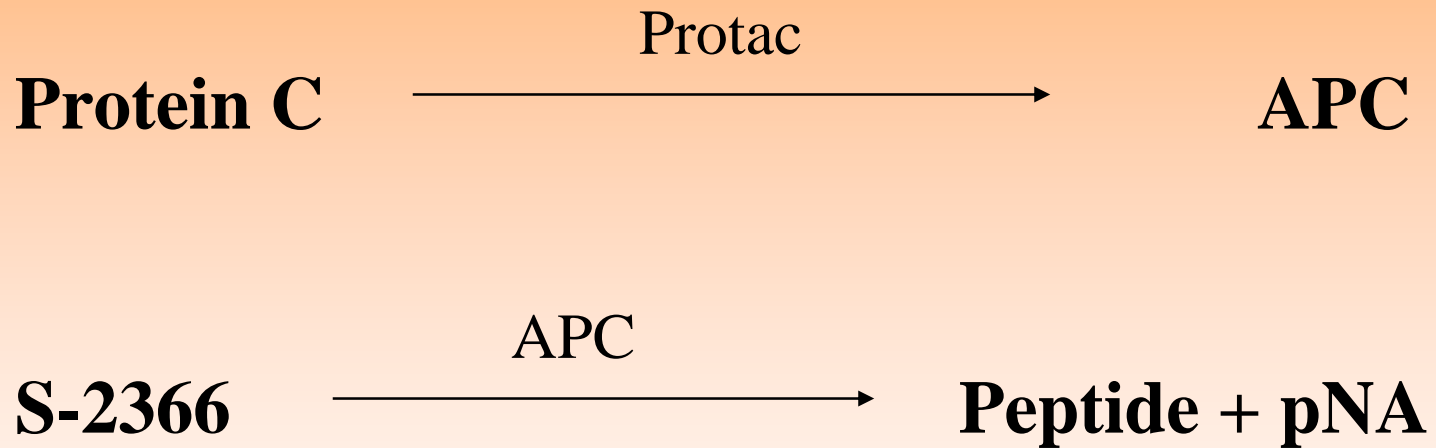
Protein C assays - principles: Chromogenic assays

Chromogenic assays

Utilise specific protein C activator (Protac) for the activation of protein C

The activated protein C cleaves a chromogenic substrate.

Coamatic Protein C - the principle



***Back to the chromogenic
substrates.....***

Product range:

- S-2222™ ▶ *Factor Xa***
- S-2238™ ▶ *Thrombin***
- S-2251™ ▶ *Plasmin and Streptokinase-activated Plasminogen***
- S-2266™ ▶ *Glandular Kallikrein and Factor XIa***
- S-2288™ ▶ *t-PA; other proteases***
- S-2302™ ▶ *plasma kallikrein; Factor XIa; Factor XIIa***
- S-2314™ ▶ *C1s***
- S-2366™ ▶ *activated protein C; factor XIa***
- S-2390™ ▶ *Plasmin***
- S-2403™ ▶ *Plasmin and Streptokinase-activated Plasminogen***
- S-2423™ ▶ *Endotoxin determination***
- S-2444™ ▶ *Urokinase***
- S-2484™ ▶ *Granulocyte elastase***
- S-2586™ ▶ *Chymotrypsin***
- S-2765™ ▶ *Factor Xa***
- S-2772™ ▶ *Factor Xa***

Beyond the chemical synthesis

- Scientific support
- Well characterized substrates, i.e. kinetic tables
- Research Methods
- New Methods
- Pharmacopoeia abstracts
- Complementary products: Bioreagents

Substrate selectivity

Enzyme	Substrate	Thrombin (B)	FXa (B)	FXIa (H)	APC (H)	Plasmin (H)	Single chain t-PA (H)	Plasma Kallikrein (H)	C1s (H)	Buffer		Substrate conc 2xKm (mM)
										50 mM pH	Tris HCl NaCl (mM)	
Thrombin	S-2238	100 (0.11)	5	5	40	5	5	60	2	8.3	130	0.20*
	S-2366	100 (0.14)	5	35	80	70	3	130	2			0.29
	S-2846	100 (0.078)	3	5	30	5	1	30	2			0.090
FXa	S-2222	1	100 (0.34)	2	0	2	2	5	1	8.3	130	0.80
	S-2337	1	100 (0.37)	1	0	2	2	3	1			0.60
	S-2732	1	100 (0.51)	1	0	2	1	3	0			0.70
	S-2765	0	100 (0.61)	1	2	1	5	15	1			0.22
	S-2767	1	100 (0.53)	1	2	1	5	3	1			0.44
	S-2772	1	100 (0.32)	1	2	1	4	4	5			1.4
	S-2782	0	100 (0.63)	2	1	1	10	10	1			0.30
	S-2787	0	100 (0.45)	1	1	1	10	10	2			0.28
FXIa	S-2288	130	290	100 (0.077)	-	-	-	760	75	8.3	130	1.8
	S-2366	150	35	100 (0.14)	-	-	-	360	10			2.4
APC	S-2288	80	30	25	100 (0.13)	15	-	170	-	8.3**	-	0.32
	S-2366	75	4	30	100 (0.19)	60	-	110	-			0.40
	S-2846	70	4	15	100 (0.16)	20	-	80	-			0.70

B=bovine H=human

* Substrate conc 20×Km
** Buffer see table 2

The Chromogenix catalogue includes a section which shows the cross-reactivity of the substrates with the different enzymes tested

Kinetic data

	K_m (mM)	k_{cat} (1/s)	k_{cat}/K_m (1/(mM·s)) ·10 ³	Enzyme concentration (mg/L) for $\Delta A/min=0.05$ at $[S]=2 \cdot K_m$
Thrombin, human Buffer: 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 130 mM NaCl				
S-2238	0.0070	180	26	0.03
S-2366	0.15	330	2.2	0.02
S-2846	0.043	190	4.4	0.03
Thrombin, bovine Buffer: 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 130 mM NaCl				
S-2238	0.010	200	20	0.02
S-2366	0.15	295	2.0	0.02
S-2846	0.045	200	4.4	0.03
FXa, human Buffer: 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 130 mM NaCl, 0.5% BSA				
S-2222	1.1	100	0.090	0.06
S-2337	0.67	110	0.16	0.05
S-2732	1.5	230	0.15	0.03
S-2765	0.26	240	0.92	0.02
S-2767	0.60	210	0.35	0.03
S-2772	1.5	120	0.080	0.05
S-2782	0.29	210	0.72	0.03
S-2787	0.38	170	0.45	0.03
FXa, bovine Buffer: 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.3, 130 mM NaCl				
S-2222	0.40	100	0.25	0.06
S-2337	0.30	110	0.37	0.05
S-2732	0.35	130	0.37	0.05
S-2765	0.11	195	1.8	0.03
S-2767	0.22	160	0.73	0.04
S-2772	0.70	100	0.14	0.06
S-2782	0.15	190	1.3	0.03
S-2787	0.14	120	0.86	0.05

The Chromogenix catalogue includes a section which shows the kinetic data of the substrates toward the different enzymes tested

The 25 mg Substrates

The substrates are packaged in vials containing 25 mg lyophilized substrate and mannitol as a bulking agent

The insert sheet is in three languages and contains the following information:

Chemical Name

Kinetic data

Formula

Standardization

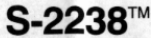
Solubility

Applications


Stability

References

The 25 mg Substrates



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S-2238™

For Laboratory Use Only

S-2238 is a chromogenic substrate for thrombin.

COMPOSITION
Each vial contains chromogenic substrate S-2238 25 mg and mannitol 120 mg as a bulking agent.

CHEMISTRY
Chemical name: H-D-Phenylalanyl-L-pipecolyl-L-arginine-p-nitroaniline dihydrochloride.

Formula: H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-pNA · 2 HCl

Mol. wt.: 625.6

ε_{316 nm}: 1.27 · 10⁴ mol⁻¹ · L · cm⁻¹

Solubility: > 10 mmol/L in H₂O

Stability: Substance: Stable until expiry date if stored at 2-8°C. Avoid exposure to light. The substance is hygroscopic and should be stored dry. Solution: 1 mmol/L in H₂O is stable for more than 6 months at 2-8°C. Contamination by microorganisms may cause hydrolysis.

Suitable stock solution: 1-2 mmol/L in H₂O.

PRINCIPLE
H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-pNA ^{Enzyme} → H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-OH+pNA
The method for the determination of activity is based on the difference in absorbance (optical density) between the pNA formed and the original substrate. The rate of pNA formation, i.e. the increase in absorbance per second at 405 nm, is proportional to the enzymatic activity and is conveniently determined with a photometer.

KINETIC DATA
Human thrombin: K_m = 0.7 · 10⁻⁴ mol/L
V = 1.7 · 10⁻⁷ mol/min NIH-U
Bovine thrombin: K_m = 0.9 · 10⁻⁴ mol/L
V = 2.2 · 10⁻⁷ mol/min NIH-U

Both determined at 37°C in 2.5 mL 0.05 mol/L Tris buffer pH 8.3, 1 0.15.

DEUTSCH

S-2238™

Nur für Laborzwecke

S-2238 ist ein chromogenes Substrat für Thrombin.

ZUSAMMENSETZUNG
Jedes Fläschchen enthält 25 mg chromogenes Substrat S-2238 und 120 mg Mannitol als Füllstoff.

CHEMIE
Chemischer name: H-D-Phenylalanyl-L-Pipecolyl-L-Arginin-Paranitroanilid dihydrochlorid

Formel: H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-pNA · 2HCl

Molekulargewicht: 625,6

ε_{316 nm}: 1,27 · 10⁴ mol⁻¹ · L · cm⁻¹

Löslichkeit: > 10 mmol/l in H₂O

Stabilität: Substanz: Bis zum Verfalldatum haltbar. Die Substanz ist bei 2-8°C bis zum angegebenen Verfalldatum stabil. Sie darf keinem Licht ausgesetzt werden. Sie ist hygroskopisch und sollte trocken gelagert werden.

Lösung: 1 mmol/l in H₂O ist 6 Monate zwischen 2-8°C haltbar. Kontamination durch Mikroorganismen kann zur Hydrolyse führen.

Geeignete Ausgangslösung: 1-2 mmol/l in H₂O

PRINZIP
H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-pNA ^{Enzym} → H-D-Phe-Pip-Arg-OH + pNA
Die Methode zur Bestimmung der Aktivität basiert auf der Absorptionsdifferenz (optische Dichte) zwischen dem gebildeten pNA und dem Originalsubstrat. Die Geschwindigkeit der pNA Bildung z.B. der Anstieg der Absorption pro Sekunde bei 405 nm, ist proportional zur enzymatischen Aktivität und wird mit einem geeigneten Photometer gemessen.

KINETIKDATEN
Humanes Thrombin: K_m = 0,7 · 10⁻⁴ mol/l
V = 1,7 · 10⁻⁷ mol/min NIH-U
Rinderthrombin: K_m = 0,9 · 10⁻⁴ mol/l
V = 2,2 · 10⁻⁷ mol/min NIH-U

Beide bei 37°C in 2,5 ml 0,05 mol/L Trispuffer pH 8,3, 1 0,15 bestimmt.

STANDARDISIERUNG
Eine Aktivität von ΔA/min = 0,05 (37°C) wird erhalten bei Verwendung von 0,1 mmol/l Substrat und:
1. 0,03 NIH-U/ml Rinderthrombin (Roche oder Parke-Davis)
2. 0,04 U/ml Humanthrombin (MRC Standard-thrombin)
Aprotinin (Trasylol®) kann in einer Konzentration von 75 KIU/l zugefügt werden um andere Aktivitäten, als die von Thrombin, zu hemmen.
Anmerkung: Zur Thrombin Standardisierung gegen den MRC-Standard wird das natürliche Substrat - Fibrinogen - als primäres Substrat empfohlen. Die Clotting und amidolytische Aktivität von degradierten Thrombinen entwickeln sich nicht immer parallel.

APPLIKATIONEN
Das Substrat wurde verwendet zur Bestimmung von:
1. Prothrombin im Plasma (1, 2)
2. Antithrombin im Plasma (3, 4)
3. Plättchenfaktor 3 im Plasma (5, 6)
4. Heparin im Plasma (7)

The “bulk” substrates

- All the substrates present in the catalogue can be supplied as bulk material if the amount required is very high (grams)
- The bulk consists of a powder composed by the substrate, without the addition of mannitol
- The bulk is provided in vials, with a vial label and a certificate of analysis

Substrates Applications: The Chromogenix Kits

Coamatic AT.....	S-2765
Coamatic AT 400.....	S-2772
Coamatic LR AT.....	S-2772
Coamatic Protein C.....	S-2366
Coaset Factor VII.....	S-2765
Coamatic Factor VIII.....	S-2765
Coatest Factor VIII.....	S-2222
Coatest Soluble Fibrin.....	S-2403
Coamatic Heparin.....	S-2732
Coatest LMW Heparin/Heparin.....	S-2732
Coatest Heparin.....	S-2222
Coatest PAI.....	S-2403
Coaset t-PA.....	S-2251
Coamatic Plasmin Inhibitor.....	S-2403
Coamatic Plasminogen.....	S-2403

Substrates Applications: The Chromogenix Research Methods

Proteolytic Activity.....	S-2288
Urokinase.....	S-2444
Factor X.....	S-2765
t-PA.....	S-2288
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Kallikrein inhibitor.....	S-2302
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S-2302	☞	PKA in albumin and IgG

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S-2222 ✎ Heparin (anti-FXa activity)

S-2288 ✎ Alteplase

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S-2302 ✎ PKA in albumin and IgG