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FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: Acetyl xylan esterases and variants thereof having perhydrolytic activity are provided for producing peroxycarboxylic acids from carboxylic acid esters and a source of peroxygen. Multi-component peracid generation systems comprising an enzyme catalyst having perhydrolytic activity are also provided, as are methods of using the present enzyme catalyst to produce peroxy-carboxylic acids. The polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity may be used to produce peroxycarboxylic acids suitable for use in a variety of applications such as cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, bleaching, wood pulp processing, paper pulp processing, and personal care applications.

TITLE

ENZYMES USEFUL FOR PERACID PRODUCTION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

5 This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/618,404 filed March 30, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

This disclosure relates to the field of peroxy carboxylic acid biosynthesis 10 and enzyme catalysis. More specifically, multi-component peracid generation systems comprising an enzyme catalyst having perhydrolytic activity are provided. Methods of using the present enzyme catalyst to produce peroxy carboxylic acids are also provided.

15 BACKGROUND

Peroxy carboxylic acid compositions can be effective antimicrobial agents. Methods of using peroxy carboxylic acids to clean, disinfect, and/or sanitize hard surfaces, textiles, meat products, living plant tissues, and medical devices against undesirable microbial growth have been described (U.S. Patent 20 6,545,047; U.S. Patent 6,183,807; U.S. Patent 6,518,307; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0026846; and U.S. Patent 5,683,724). Peroxy carboxylic acids have also been used in various bleaching applications including, but not limited to, wood pulp bleaching/delignification and laundry care applications (European Patent 1040222B1; U.S. Patent 5,552,018; U.S. Patent 25 3,974,082; U.S. Patent 5,296,161; and U.S. Patent 5,364,554). The desired efficacious concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid may vary according to the product application (for example, ca. 500 ppm to 1000 ppm for medical instrument disinfection, ca. 30 ppm to 80 ppm for laundry bleaching or disinfection applications) in 1 min to 5 min reaction time at neutral pH.

30 Enzymes structurally classified as members of family 7 of the carbohydrate esterases (CE-7) have been employed as perhydrolases to

catalyze the reaction of hydrogen peroxide (or alternative peroxide reagent) with alkyl esters of carboxylic acids in water at a basic to acidic pH range (from ca. pH 10 to ca. pH 5) to produce an efficacious concentration of a peroxycarboxylic acid for such applications as disinfection (such as medical instruments, hard 5 surfaces, textiles), bleaching (such as wood pulp or paper pulp processing/delignification, textile bleaching and laundry care applications), and other laundry care applications such as destaining, deodorizing, and sanitization, and personal care applications (U.S. Patents 7,964,378; 7,951,566; and 7,723,083; Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2008-0176299 to DiCosimo et 10 al.; and Published U.S. Patent Application Nos. 2012-0317733 and 2012-0328534 to Chisholm et al.). The CE-7 enzymes have been found to have high specific activity for perhydrolysis of esters, particularly acetyl esters of alcohols, diols and glycerols. Variant CE-7 perhydrolases derived from several species having improved performance been reported by DiCosimo et al. (U.S. Patents 15 7,927,854; 7,923,233; 7,932,072; 7,910,347; 7,960,528; 8,062,875; 8,206,964; 8,389,254; and 8,389,255; and Published U.S. Patent Application Nos. 2011-0236336 and 2011-0236338).

Previously reported CE-7 carbohydrate esterases having perhydrolytic activity (both wild type and variants thereof) comprised a conserved structural 20 “signature” motif as defined by Vincent et al. (*J. Mol. Biol.*, 330:593-606 (2003)). More specifically, the CE-7 signature motif used to structurally identify and define members of the CE-7 carbohydrate esterase family comprises three conserved submotifs: 1) an “RGQ” submotif of Arg118-Gly119-Gln120, 2) a “GXSQG” 25 submotif of Gly186-Xaa187-Ser188-Gln189-Gly190, and 3) an “HE” submotif of His303-Glu304 (residue numbering and orientation relative to the *Thermotoga maritima* reference sequence provided as SEQ ID NO: 2).

While the vast majority of enzymes classified as CE-7 carbohydrate esterases are comprised of the signature motif defined by Vincent et al., several polypeptide sequences have been added to family 7 of the carbohydrate 30 esterases that do not contain the “HE” submotif (Cantarel et al., “The Carbohydrate-Active EnZymes database (CAZy): an expert resource for

Glycogenomics", *NAR*, 37:D233-D238 (2009)). The presence of perhydrolytic activity within this subgroup has not been reported.

Incorporation of perhydrolytic enzyme technology into some applications may require the identification of new perhydrolytic enzymes. As such, there 5 remains a need to identify additional enzyme catalysts comprising polypeptide having significant perhydrolytic activity.

SUMMARY

Several enzymes have been identified having perhydrolytic activity 10 suitable for the production of peracids at efficacious concentrations.

In one embodiment, an enzymatic peracid generation system is provided comprising a set of reaction components comprising:

- (1) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) one or more esters having the structure

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wherein

X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

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R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for R_6 = C2 to C7;

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R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each

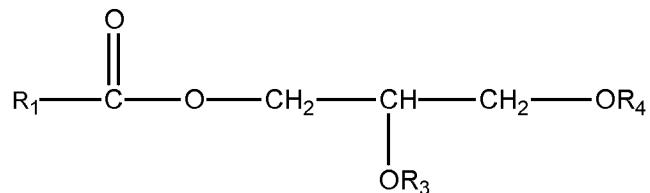
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carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester or

carboxylic acid group; wherein R₅ optionally comprises one or more ether linkages; m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R₅; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

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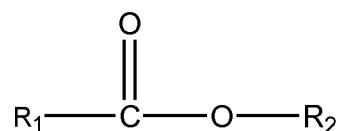
(ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₃ and R₄ are individually H or R₁C(O);

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(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₂ = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, (CH₂CH₂O)_n, or (CH₂CH(CH₃)-O)_nH and n is 1 to 10;

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(iv) one or more acetylated monosaccharides, acetylated disaccharides, or acetylated polysaccharides; and

(v) any combination of (i) through (iv);

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(2) a source of peroxygen; and

(3) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in

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SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;

5 whereby a peracid is enzymatically produced upon combining the reaction components under suitable reaction conditions.

In another embodiment, a process for producing a peroxycarboxylic acid is also provided comprising:

(a) providing a set of reaction components comprising:

10 (1) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
(i) one or more esters having the structure



15 wherein

X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

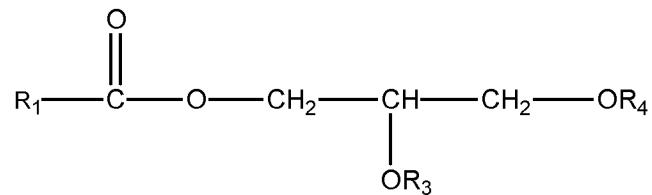
20 R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for $R_6 = C2$ to C7;

25 R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester or carboxylic acid group; wherein R_5 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages;

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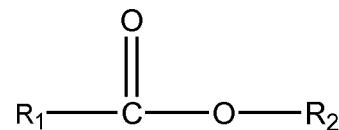
m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R₅; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

5 (ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₃ and R₄ are individually H or R₁C(O);

10 (iii) one or more esters of the formula:



15 wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₂ = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, (CH₂CH₂O)_n, or (CH₂CH(CH₃)-O)_nH and n is 1 to 10;

(iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and

20 (v) any combination of (i) through (iv);

(2) a source of peroxygen; and

(3) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound

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to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;

- (b) combining the set of reaction components under suitable reaction conditions whereby peroxy carboxylic acid is produced; and
- 5 (c) optionally diluting the peroxy carboxylic acid produced in step (b).

In another embodiment, a process is provided further comprising a step

- (d) wherein the peroxy carboxylic acid produced in step (b) or step (c) is contacted with a hard surface, a body surface, or at least one an article of clothing.

10 The present process produces the desired peroxy carboxylic acid upon combining the reaction components. The reaction components may remain separated until use.

In a further aspect, a peroxy carboxylic acid generation and delivery system is provided comprising:

- 15 (a) a first compartment comprising
 - (1) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4 provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;
 - (2) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) one or more esters having the structure

25 $[X]_m R_5$

wherein

X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

30 R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally

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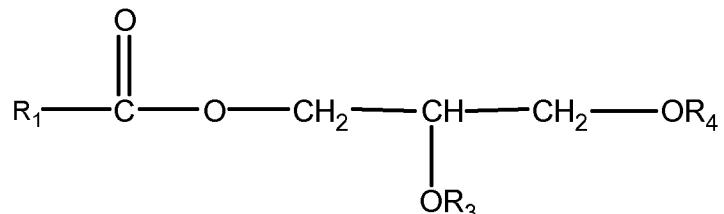
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comprises one or more ether linkages for R_6 = C2 to C7;

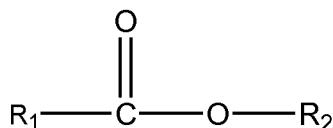
R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R_5 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages; m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R_5 ; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

(ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_3 and R_4 are individually H or $R_1\text{C}(\text{O})$;

(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_2 = a C1 to C10 straight

chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, $(CH_2CH_2O)_n$, or $(CH_2CH(CH_3)-O)_nH$ and n is 1 to 10;

5 (iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and
(v) any combination of (i) through (iv); and

(3) an optional buffer; and

(b) a second compartment comprising
(1) source of peroxygen;
10 (2) a peroxide stabilizer; and
(3) an optional buffer.

In a further embodiment, a laundry care composition is provided comprising

a) a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;
15 b) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
(i) one or more esters having the structure



wherein

X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

25 R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for R_6 = C2 to C7;

R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or 30 six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety

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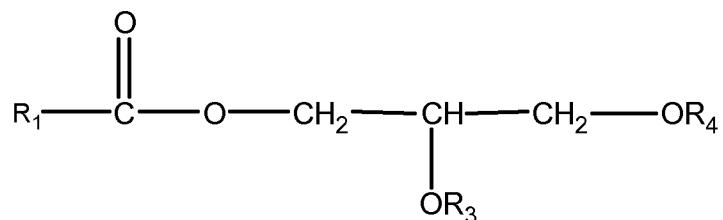
optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R₅ individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R₅ optionally comprises one or more ether linkages;

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m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R₅; and

wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

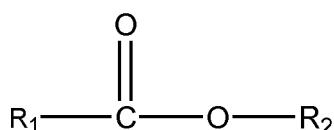
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wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₂ = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, (CH₂CH₂O)_n, or (CH₂CH(CH₃)-O)_nH and n is 1 to 10;

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(iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and

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(v) any combination of (i) through (iv); and

c) a source of peroxygen; and

d) at least one surfactant.

In a further embodiment, a personal care product is provided comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in

5 SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid.

In a further embodiment, the personal care product is a shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, topical moisturizer, toothpaste, toothgel, mouthwash, mouthrinse, anti-plaque rinse, or topical cleanser.

10 In a further embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 or SEQ ID NO: 16;

15 (b) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13 or SEQ ID NO: 15; and

(c) a polynucleotide fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a) or (b).

In a further embodiment, an isolated polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity is provided comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 or SEQ ID NO: 16.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE

Figure 1 is a CLUSTALW alignment of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE BIOLOGICAL SEQUENCES

The following sequences comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 (“Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures - the Sequence Rules”) and are consistent 30 with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25 (2009) and the sequence listing requirements of the European Patent Convention (EPC) and

the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Rules 5.2 and 49.5(a-bis), and Section 208 and Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. The symbols and format used for nucleotide and amino acid sequence data comply with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.822.

5 SEQ ID NO: 1 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding the *Thermotoga maritima* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 2 is the amino acid sequence of the *Thermotoga maritima* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

10 SEQ ID NO: 3 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding an *Actinosynnema mirum* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 4 is the amino acid sequence of an *Actinosynnema mirum* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

15 SEQ ID NO: 5 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding a *Propionibacterium acnes* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 6 is the amino acid sequence of a *Propionibacterium acnes* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

20 SEQ ID NO: 7 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding a *Streptococcus equi* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 8 is the amino acid sequence of a *Streptococcus equi* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

25 SEQ ID NO: 9 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding a *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 10 is the amino acid sequence of a *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 11 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding a *Streptococcus agalactiae* acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 12 is the amino acid sequence of a *Streptococcus agalactiae*

5 acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 13 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding an *Actinosynnema mirum* C277S variant acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 14 is the amino acid sequence of an *Actinosynnema mirum*

10 C277S variant acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 15 is the nucleic acid sequence of the codon-optimized coding region encoding an *Actinosynnema mirum* C277T variant acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 16 is the amino acid sequence of an *Actinosynnema mirum*

15 C277T variant acetyl xylan esterase having perhydrolytic activity.

SEQ ID NO: 17 is the amino acid sequence of the *Thermotoga maritima* variant C277S (U.S. Patent 8,062,875).

SEQ ID NO: 18 is the amino acid sequence of the *Thermotoga maritima* variant C277T (U.S. Patent 8,062,875).

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Compositions and methods are provided comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4,

25 provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid. The compositions and methods are suitable to enzymatically produce at least one peracid suitable for use in a laundry care product, a disinfectant product, a cosmetic product or a personal care product.

In this disclosure, a number of terms and abbreviations are used. The

30 following definitions apply unless specifically stated otherwise.

As used herein, the articles “a”, “an”, and “the” preceding an element or component of the invention are intended to be nonrestrictive regarding the number of instances (*i.e.*, occurrences) of the element or component. Therefore “a”, “an” and “the” should be read to include one or at least one, and the singular word form of the element or component also includes the plural unless the number is obviously meant to be singular.

The term “comprising” means the presence of the stated features, integers, steps, or components as referred to in the claims, but does not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, components or groups thereof. The term “comprising” is intended to include embodiments encompassed by the terms “consisting essentially of” and “consisting of”. Similarly, the term “consisting essentially of” is intended to include embodiments encompassed by the term “consisting of”.

As used herein, the term “about” modifying the quantity of an ingredient or reactant employed refers to variation in the numerical quantity that can occur, for example, through typical measuring and liquid handling procedures used for making concentrates or use solutions in the real world; through inadvertent error in these procedures; through differences in the manufacture, source, or purity of the ingredients employed to make the compositions or carry out the methods; and the like. The term “about” also encompasses amounts that differ due to different equilibrium conditions for a composition resulting from a particular initial mixture. Whether or not modified by the term “about”, the claims include equivalents to the quantities.

Where present, all ranges are inclusive and combinable. For example, when a range of “1 to 5” is recited, the recited range should be construed as including ranges “1 to 4”, “1 to 3”, “1-2”, “1-2 & 4-5”, “1-3 & 5”, and the like.

As used herein, the term “multi-component system” will refer to a system of enzymatically generating peroxy carboxylic acid wherein the components remain separated until use. As such, the multi-component system will include at least one first component that remains separated from at least one second component. The first and second components are separated in different

compartments until use (*i.e.*, using first and second compartments). The design of the multi-component systems will often depend on the physical form of the components to be combined and are described in more detail below.

As used herein, the term “peroxycarboxylic acid” is synonymous with

5 peracid, peroxyacid, peroxy acid, percarboxylic acid and peroxyoic acid.

As used herein, the term “peracetic acid” is abbreviated as “PAA” and is synonymous with peroxyacetic acid, ethaneperoxyoic acid and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 79-21-0.

As used herein, the term “monoacetin” is synonymous with glycerol

10 monoacetate, glycerin monoacetate, and glycetyl monoacetate.

As used herein, the term “diacetin” is synonymous with glycerol diacetate; glycerin diacetate, glycetyl diacetate, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 25395-31-7.

As used herein, the term “triacetin” is synonymous with glycerin triacetate;

15 glycerol triacetate; glycetyl triacetate; 1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane; 1,2,3-propanetriol triacetate; and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 102-76-1.

As used herein, the term “monobutyrin” is synonymous with glycerol monobutyrate, glycerin monobutyrate, and glycetyl monobutyrate.

As used herein, the term “dibutyrin” is synonymous with glycerol dibutyrate

20 and glycetyl dibutyrate.

As used herein, the term “tributyrin” is synonymous with glycerol tributyrate; 1,2,3-tributyrylglycerol; and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 60-01-5.

As used herein, the term “monopropionin” is synonymous with glycerol

25 monopropionate, glycerin monopropionate, and glycetyl monopropionate.

As used herein, the term “dipropionin” is synonymous with glycerol dipropionate and glycetyl dipropionate.

As used herein, the term “tripropionin” is synonymous with glycetyl

tripropionate, glycerol tripropionate, 1,2,3-tripropionylglycerol, and all other

30 synonyms of CAS Registry Number 139-45-7.

As used herein, the terms “acylated sugar” and “acylated saccharide” refer to mono-, di- and polysaccharides comprising at least one acyl group, where the acyl group is selected from the group consisting of straight chain aliphatic carboxylates having a chain length from C2 to C8. Examples include, but are not limited to, glucose pentaacetate, xylose tetraacetate, acetylated xylan, acetylated xylan fragments, β -D-ribofuranose-1,2,3,5-tetraacetate, tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal, and tri-O-acetyl-glucal.

As used herein, the terms “hydrocarbyl”, “hydrocarbyl group”, and “hydrocarbyl moiety” mean a straight chain, branched or cyclic arrangement of carbon atoms connected by single, double, or triple carbon to carbon bonds and/or by ether linkages, and substituted accordingly with hydrogen atoms. Such hydrocarbyl groups may be aliphatic and/or aromatic. Examples of hydrocarbyl groups include methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, t-butyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, pentyl, cyclopentyl, methylcyclopentyl, hexyl, cyclohexyl, benzyl, and phenyl. In one embodiment, the hydrocarbyl moiety is a straight chain, branched or cyclic arrangement of carbon atoms connected by single carbon to carbon bonds and/or by ether linkages, and substituted accordingly with hydrogen atoms.

As used herein, the term “aromatic” refers to an organic compound or moiety characterized by increased chemical stability resulting from the delocalization of electrons in a ring system containing usually multiple conjugated double bonds. Planar monocyclic conjugated rings having delocalized electrons should be aromatic if they have $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons. Examples of aromatic compounds may include derivatives of benzene (such as 2-, 3- or 4-acetoxybenzoic acid). In one embodiment, the ester substrate may be 4-acetoxybenzoic acid.

As used herein, the term “heterocyclic” refers to an organic compound or moiety with a ring structure having one or more atoms other than carbon in at least one of its rings.

As used herein, the term “heteroaromatic” refers to an organic compound or moiety with a ring structure that is both heterocyclic and aromatic, wherein the

ring comprises at least one of the heteroatoms oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur.

Examples of heteroaromatic moieties may include pyridine, pyrrole, furan, and thiophene moieties.

As used herein, the terms “monoesters” and “diesters” of 1,2-ethanediol,

5 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,2-pentanediol, 2,5-pentanediol, 1,6-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol, 2,5-hexanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, refer to said compounds comprising at least one ester group of the formula $RC(O)O$, wherein R is a C1 to C7 linear hydrocarbyl moiety.

10 As used herein, the terms “suitable enzymatic reaction formulation”, “components suitable for generation of a peroxy carboxylic acid”, “suitable reaction components”, “reaction components”, “reaction formulation”, and “suitable aqueous reaction formulation” refer to the materials and water in which the reactants and the enzyme catalyst comprising the present variant polypeptide 15 having perhydrolytic activity come into contact to form the desired peroxy carboxylic acid. The components of the reaction formulation are provided herein and those skilled in the art appreciate the range of component variations suitable for this process. In one embodiment, the enzymatic reaction formulation produces peroxy carboxylic acid *in situ* upon combining the reaction components.

20 As such, the reaction components may be provided as a multi-component system wherein one or more of the reaction components remains separated until use. The design of systems and means for separating and combining multiple active components are known in the art and generally will depend upon the physical form of the individual reaction components. For example, multiple active 25 fluids (liquid-liquid) systems typically use multi-chamber dispenser bottles or two-phase systems (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0139608; U.S. Patent 5,398,846; U.S. Patent 5,624,634; U.S. Patent 6,391,840; E.P. Patent 0807156B1; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0008526; and PCT Publication No. WO 00/61713) such as found in some bleaching applications 30 wherein the desired bleaching agent is produced upon mixing the reactive fluids. Multi-component formulations and multi-component generation systems to

enzymatically produce peroxy carboxylic acids from carboxylic acid esters are described by DiCosimo *et al.* in Published U.S Patent Application Nos. 2010-0086510 and 2010-0086621, respectively. Other forms of multi-component systems used to generate peroxy carboxylic acid may include, but are not limited 5 to, those designed for one or more solid components or combinations of solid-liquid components, such as powders used in many commercially available bleaching compositions (e.g., U.S. Patent 5,116,575), multi-layered tablets (e.g., U.S. Patent 6,210,639), water dissolvable packets having multiple compartments (e.g., U.S. Patent 6,995,125) and solid agglomerates that react upon the addition 10 of water (e.g., U.S. Patent 6,319,888).

As used herein, the term “substrate” or “carboxylic acid ester substrate” will refer to the reaction components enzymatically perhydrolyzed using the present enzyme catalyst in the presence of a suitable source of peroxygen, such as hydrogen peroxide. In one embodiment, the substrate comprises at least one 15 ester group capable of being enzymatically perhydrolyzed using the enzyme catalyst, whereby a peroxy carboxylic acid is produced.

As used herein, the term “perhydrolysis” is defined as the reaction of a selected substrate with a source of hydrogen peroxide to form a peroxy carboxylic acid. Typically, inorganic peroxide is reacted with the selected substrate in the 20 presence of a catalyst to produce the peroxy carboxylic acid. As used herein, the term “chemical perhydrolysis” includes perhydrolysis reactions in which a substrate (such as a peroxy carboxylic acid precursor) is combined with a source of hydrogen peroxide wherein peroxy carboxylic acid is formed in the absence of an enzyme catalyst. As used herein, the term “enzymatic perhydrolysis” refers a 25 reaction of a selected substrate with a source of hydrogen peroxide to form a peroxy carboxylic acid, wherein the reaction is catalyzed by an enzyme catalyst having perhydrolysis activity.

As used herein, the term “perhydrolase activity” refers to the enzyme catalyst activity per unit mass (for example, milligram) of protein, dry cell weight, 30 or immobilized catalyst weight.

As used herein, “one unit of enzyme activity” or “one unit of activity” or “U” is defined as the amount of perhydrolase activity required for the production of 1 μ mol of peroxyacid product (such as peracetic acid) per minute at a specified temperature. “One unit of enzyme activity” may also be used herein to 5 refer to the amount of peroxyacid hydrolysis activity required for the hydrolysis of 1 μ mol of peroxyacid (e.g., peracetic acid) per minute at a specified temperature.

As used herein, the terms “enzyme catalyst” and “perhydrolase catalyst” refer to a catalyst comprising an enzyme (i.e., a polypeptide) having 10 perhydrolysis activity and may be in the form of a whole microbial cell, permeabilized microbial cell(s), one or more cell components of a microbial cell extract, partially purified enzyme, or purified enzyme. The enzyme catalyst may also be chemically modified (for example, by pegylation or by reaction with cross-linking reagents). The perhydrolase catalyst may also be immobilized on a 15 soluble or insoluble support using methods well-known to those skilled in the art; see for example, Immobilization of Enzymes and Cells (2nd Edition); Jose M. Guisan, Editor; Humana Press, Totowa, NJ, USA; 2006.

As used herein, “structurally classified as a CE-7 enzyme”, “structurally classified as a carbohydrate esterase family 7 enzyme”, “structurally classified as 20 a CE-7 carbohydrate esterase”, and “CE-7 perhydrolase” will be used herein to refer to enzymes having perhydrolysis activity that are structurally classified as a CE-7 carbohydrate esterase (see Cantarel *et al.*, “The Carbohydrate-Active EnZymes database (CAZy): an expert resource for Glycogenomics”, *NAR*, 37:D233-D238 (2009)).

25 As used herein, the terms “cephalosporin C deacetylase” and “cephalosporin C acetyl hydrolase” refer to an enzyme (E.C. 3.1.1.41) that catalyzes the deacetylation of cephalosporins such as cephalosporin C and 7-aminocephalosporanic acid (Mitsushima *et al.*, *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 61(6): 2224-2229 (1995); U.S. Patent 5,528,152; and U.S. Patent 5,338,676).

As used herein, "acetyl xylan esterase" refers to an enzyme (E.C. 3.1.1.72; AXEs) that catalyzes the deacetylation of acetylated xylans and other acetylated saccharides.

As used herein, the term "*Thermotoga maritima*" refers to a bacterial cell 5 reported to have acetyl xylan esterase activity (GENBANK® NP_227893.1). In one aspect, the *Thermotoga maritima* strain is *Thermotoga maritima* MSB8. The amino acid sequence of the wild-type enzyme having perhydrolase activity from *Thermotoga maritima* is provided as SEQ ID NO: 2.

The term "amino acid" refers to the basic chemical structural unit of a 10 protein or polypeptide. The following abbreviations are used herein to identify specific amino acids:

<u>Amino Acid</u>	<u>Three-Letter Abbreviation</u>	<u>One-Letter Abbreviation</u>
Alanine	Ala	A
Arginine	Arg	R
Asparagine	Asn	N
Aspartic acid	Asp	D
Cysteine	Cys	C
Glutamine	Gln	Q
Glutamic acid	Glu	E
Glycine	Gly	G
Histidine	His	H
Isoleucine	Ile	I
Leucine	Leu	L
Lysine	Lys	K
Methionine	Met	M
Phenylalanine	Phe	F
Proline	Pro	P
Serine	Ser	S
Threonine	Thr	T
Tryptophan	Trp	W

Tyrosine	Tyr	Y
Valine	Val	V
Any amino acid (or as defined herein)	Xaa	X

As used herein, the term “biological contaminants” refers to one or more unwanted and/or pathogenic biological entities including, but not limited to, microorganisms, spores, viruses, prions, and mixtures thereof. The present

5 enzyme can be used to produce an efficacious concentration of at least one peroxydicarboxylic acid useful to reduce and/or eliminate the presence of the viable biological contaminants. In a preferred embodiment, the biological contaminant is a viable pathogenic microorganism.

As used herein, the term “disinfect” refers to the process of destruction of 10 or prevention of the growth of biological contaminants. As used herein, the term “disinfectant” refers to an agent that disinfects by destroying, neutralizing, or inhibiting the growth of biological contaminants. Typically, disinfectants are used to treat inanimate objects or surfaces. As used herein, the term “antiseptic” 15 refers to a chemical agent that inhibits the growth of disease-carrying microorganisms. In one aspect of the embodiment, the biological contaminants are pathogenic microorganisms.

As used herein, the term “sanitary” means of or relating to the restoration or preservation of health, typically by removing, preventing or controlling an 20 agent that may be injurious to health. As used herein, the term “sanitize” means to make sanitary. As used herein, the term “sanitizer” refers to a sanitizing agent. As used herein the term “sanitization” refers to the act or process of sanitizing.

As used herein, the term “virucide” refers to an agent that inhibits or 25 destroys viruses, and is synonymous with “viricide”. An agent that exhibits the ability to inhibit or destroy viruses is described as having “virucidal” activity.

Peroxydicarboxylic acids can have virucidal activity. Typical alternative virucides known in the art which may be suitable for use with the present invention include, for example, alcohols, ethers, chloroform, formaldehyde, phenols, beta

propiolactone, iodine, chlorine, mercury salts, hydroxylamine, ethylene oxide, ethylene glycol, quaternary ammonium compounds, enzymes, and detergents.

As used herein, the term “biocide” refers to a chemical agent, typically broad spectrum, which inactivates or destroys microorganisms. A chemical agent that exhibits the ability to inactivate or destroy microorganisms is described as having “biocidal” activity. Peroxycarboxylic acids can have biocidal activity. Typical alternative biocides known in the art, which may be suitable for use in the present invention include, for example, chlorine, chlorine dioxide, chloroisocyanurates, hypochlorites, ozone, acrolein, amines, chlorinated phenolics, copper salts, organo-sulphur compounds, and quaternary ammonium salts.

As used herein, the phrase “minimum biocidal concentration” refers to the minimum concentration of a biocidal agent that, for a specific contact time, will produce a desired lethal, irreversible reduction in the viable population of the targeted microorganisms. The effectiveness can be measured by the \log_{10} reduction in viable microorganisms after treatment. In one aspect, the targeted reduction in viable microorganisms after treatment is at least a 3- \log_{10} reduction, more preferably at least a 4- \log_{10} reduction, and most preferably at least a 5- \log_{10} reduction. In another aspect, the minimum biocidal concentration is at least a 6- \log_{10} reduction in viable microbial cells.

As used herein, the terms “peroxygen source” and “source of peroxygen” refer to compounds capable of providing hydrogen peroxide at a concentration of about 1 mM or more when in an aqueous solution including, but not limited to, hydrogen peroxide, hydrogen peroxide adducts (e.g., urea-hydrogen peroxide adduct (carbamide peroxide)), perborates, and percarbonates, such as sodium percarbonate. As described herein, the concentration of the hydrogen peroxide provided by the peroxygen compound in the aqueous reaction formulation is initially at least 1 mM or more upon combining the reaction components. In one embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is at least 0.5 mM. In another embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is at least 10 mM. In another

embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is at least 100 mM. In another embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is at least 200 mM. In another embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is 500 mM or more. In yet another embodiment, the hydrogen peroxide concentration in the aqueous reaction formulation is 1000 mM or more. The molar ratio of the hydrogen peroxide to enzyme substrate, such as triglyceride, (H₂O₂:substrate) in the aqueous reaction formulation may be from about 0.002 to 20, preferably about 0.1 to 10, and most preferably about 0.5 to 5.

10 As used herein, the term “benefit agent” refers to a material that promotes or enhances a useful advantage, a favorable/desirable effect or benefit. In one embodiment, a process is provided whereby a benefit agent, such as a composition comprising a peroxy carboxylic acid, is applied to a textile or article of clothing to achieve a desired benefit, such as disinfecting, bleaching, destaining, deodorizing, and any combination thereof. In another embodiment, the present variant polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity may be used to produce a peracid-based benefit agent for use in personal care products (such as hair care products, skin care products, nail care products or oral care products). In one embodiment, a personal care product is provided comprising a polypeptide 15 having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 4, 14 or 16, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid. The personal care products are formulated to provide a safe and efficacious concentration of the desired peracid 20 embodiment, a personal care product is provided comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 4, 14 or 16, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid. The personal care products are formulated to provide a safe and efficacious concentration of the desired peracid 25 benefit agent.

As used herein, “personal care products” means products used in the cleaning, bleaching and/or disinfecting of hair, skin, scalp, and teeth, including, but not limited to, shampoos, body lotions, shower gels, topical moisturizers, toothpaste, toothgels, mouthwashes, mouthrinses, anti-plaque rinses, and/or 30 other topical cleansers. In some particularly preferred embodiments, these

products are utilized on humans, while in other embodiments, these products find use with non-human animals (e.g., in veterinary applications).

As used herein, the terms “tooth whitening” and “tooth bleaching” are used interchangeably, to refer to improving the brightness (e.g., whitening) of a tooth

5 or teeth. It is intended that the term encompass any method suitable for whitening teeth, including the present invention, as well as chemical treatment, mild acid treatment, abrasive tooth whitening, and laser tooth whitening. In particularly preferred embodiments, the present invention provides a perhydrolase and perhydrolase-containing compositions suitable for whitening

10 teeth.

Polypeptides Having Perhydrolytic Activity

The “signature motif” for CE-7 esterases previously reported to have perhydrolytic activity is comprised three conserved submotifs (residue position

15 numbering relative to reference sequence SEQ ID NO: 2; the wild-type

Thermotoga maritima acetyl xylan esterase):

- a) Arg118-Gly119-Gln120; (“RGQ motif”);
- b) Gly186-Xaa187-**Ser188**-Gln189-Gly190; and (“GXSQG motif”); and
- c) **His303**-Glu304. (“HE motif”).

Typically, the Xaa at amino acid residue position 187 is glycine, alanine, proline, tryptophan, or threonine. Two of the three amino acid residues belonging to the catalytic triad are in bold.

25 Although the present perhydrolytic enzymes contain the RGQ motif and the GXSQG motif, none of the present perhydrolytic enzymes contain the glutamic acid within the “HE motif” previously reported as a conserved structural motif as shown in Table A and Figure 1.

Table A. Motifs found within the present enzymes having perhydrolase activity.

Perhydrolase Sequence	RGQ motif (Residue #s)	GXSQG motif (Residue #s)	HX motif (Residue #s)	Amino acid residue bound to catalytic histidine in HX motif
SEQ ID NO: 2 ^a	118-120	186-190	303-304	E ^b
SEQ ID NO: 4	118-120	184-188	302-303	A
SEQ ID NO: 6	117-119	184-188	309-310	A
SEQ ID NO: 8	114-116	177-181	299-300	D
SEQ ID NO: 10	117-119	186-190	303-304	S
SEQ ID NO: 12	115-117	178-182	299-300	D
SEQ ID NO: 14	118-120	184-188	302-303	A
SEQ ID NO: 16	118-120	184-188	302-303	A

^a= *Thermotoga maritima* reference sequence.

^b= Previously reported to be a conserved glutamic acid, forming an “HE” motif.

5 It appears the present polypeptides having perhydrolytic activity may represent a new subgroup within the larger generic class of CE-7 carbohydrate esterases listed as members within the CAZy database (Cantarel *et al.*, “The Carbohydrate-Active EnZymes database (CAZy): an expert resource for Glycogenomics”, *NAR*, 37:D233-D238 (2009)). As such, the polypeptides having 10 perhydrolytic activity used within the present application having will be referred to herein as “CE-7 carbohydrate esterases” or “CE-7 perhydrolases” even though they may lack a portion of the previously defined “signature motif”.

15 In another embodiment, the present polypeptides having perhydrolytic activity are further defined as having the following combination of motifs when aligned against reference sequence SEQ ID NO: 2 (residue position numbering relative to reference sequence SEQ ID NO: 2; the wild-type *Thermotoga maritima* acetyl xylan esterase):

20 a) Arg118-Gly119-Gln120; (“RGQ motif”);
b) Gly186-Xaa187-Ser188-Gln189-Gly190; and (“GXSQG motif”);
and

c) His303-Xaa304. (“HX motif”); wherein “Xaa” is not glutamic acid.

In a preferred aspect, “X” amino acid residue within the “HX motif” is alanine, aspartic acid, or serine.

In another aspect, the present polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity

5 comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid.

In one embodiment, the present polypeptides having perhydrolytic activity

10 have at least 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 or 100% amino acid identity to the sequences provided herein, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid.

In another aspect, the present polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity

15 comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid. In another aspect, the present polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity comprises an amino acid sequence SEQ

20 ID NO: 4.

As used herein, the term “variant perhydrolase” or “variant” will refer to perhydrolytic enzymes having a modification that results in at least one amino acid addition, deletion, and/or substitution when compared to the corresponding enzyme (typically the wild type enzyme) from which the variant was derived; so long as the requisite motifs described herein and the associated perhydrolytic activity are maintained. CE-7 variant perhydrolases may also be used in the present compositions and methods. Examples of variants are provided as SEQ ID NOs: 14 and 16.

The skilled artisan recognizes that substantially similar perhydrolase

30 sequences may also be used in the present compositions and methods. In one embodiment, substantially similar sequences are defined by their ability to

hybridize, under highly stringent conditions, with the nucleic acid molecules associated with sequences exemplified herein. In another embodiment, sequence alignment algorithms may be used to define substantially similar enzymes based on the percent identity to the DNA or amino acid sequences

5 provided herein.

As used herein, a nucleic acid molecule is “hybridizable” to another nucleic acid molecule, such as a cDNA, genomic DNA, or RNA, when a single strand of the first molecule can anneal to the other molecule under appropriate conditions of temperature and solution ionic strength. Hybridization and washing

10 conditions are well known and exemplified in Sambrook, J. and Russell, D., T.

Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Third Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor (2001). The conditions of temperature and ionic strength determine the “stringency” of the hybridization. Stringency conditions can be adjusted to screen for moderately similar molecules, such as

15 homologous sequences from distantly related organisms, to highly similar molecules, such as genes that duplicate functional enzymes from closely related organisms. Post-hybridization washes typically determine stringency conditions.

One set of preferred conditions uses a series of washes starting with 6X SSC, 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 15 min, then repeated with 2X SSC, 0.5%

20 SDS at 45°C for 30 min, and then repeated twice with 0.2X SSC, 0.5% SDS at 50°C for 30 min. A more preferred set of conditions uses higher temperatures in which the washes are identical to those above except for the temperature of the final two 30 min washes in 0.2X SSC, 0.5% SDS was increased to 60°C.

Another preferred set of highly stringent hybridization conditions is 0.1X SSC,

25 0.1% SDS, 65°C and washed with 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS followed by a final wash of 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 65°C.

Hybridization requires that the two nucleic acids contain complementary sequences, although depending on the stringency of the hybridization, mismatches between bases are possible. The appropriate stringency for

30 hybridizing nucleic acids depends on the length of the nucleic acids and the degree of complementation, variables well known in the art. The greater the

degree of similarity or homology between two nucleotide sequences, the greater the value of T_m for hybrids of nucleic acids having those sequences. The relative stability (corresponding to higher T_m) of nucleic acid hybridizations decreases in the following order: RNA:RNA, DNA:RNA, DNA:DNA. For hybrids 5 of greater than 100 nucleotides in length, equations for calculating T_m have been derived (Sambrook and Russell, *supra*). For hybridizations with shorter nucleic acids, *i.e.*, oligonucleotides, the position of mismatches becomes more important, and the length of the oligonucleotide determines its specificity (Sambrook and Russell, *supra*). In one aspect, the length for a hybridizable nucleic acid is at 10 least about 10 nucleotides. Preferably, a minimum length for a hybridizable nucleic acid is at least about 15 nucleotides in length, more preferably at least about 20 nucleotides in length, even more preferably at least 30 nucleotides in length, even more preferably at least 300 nucleotides in length, and most preferably at least 800 nucleotides in length. Furthermore, the skilled artisan will 15 recognize that the temperature and wash solution salt concentration may be adjusted as necessary according to factors such as length of the probe.

As used herein, the term “percent identity” is a relationship between two or more polypeptide sequences or two or more polynucleotide sequences, as determined by comparing the sequences. In the art, “identity” also means the 20 degree of sequence relatedness between polypeptide or polynucleotide sequences, as the case may be, as determined by the match between strings of such sequences. “Identity” and “similarity” can be readily calculated by known methods, including but not limited to those described in: Computational Molecular Biology (Lesk, A. M., ed.) Oxford University Press, NY (1988); 25 Biocomputing: Informatics and Genome Projects (Smith, D. W., ed.) Academic Press, NY (1993); Computer Analysis of Sequence Data, Part I (Griffin, A. M., and Griffin, H. G., eds.) Humana Press, NJ (1994); Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology (von Heinje, G., ed.) Academic Press (1987); and Sequence Analysis Primer (Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds.) Stockton Press, NY 30 (1991). Methods to determine identity and similarity are codified in publicly available computer programs. Sequence alignments and percent identity

calculations may be performed using the Megalign program of the LASERGENE bioinformatics computing suite (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI), the AlignX program of Vector NTI v. 7.0 (Informax, Inc., Bethesda, MD), or the EMBOSS Open Software Suite (EMBL-EBI; Rice *et al.*, *Trends in Genetics* 16, (6):276-277 (2000)). Multiple alignment of the sequences can be performed using the CLUSTAL method (such as CLUSTALW; for example version 1.83) of alignment (Higgins and Sharp, *CABIOS*, 5:151-153 (1989); Higgins *et al.*, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 22:4673-4680 (1994); and Chenna *et al.*, *Nucleic Acids Res* 31 (13):3497-500 (2003)), available from the European Molecular Biology Laboratory via the European Bioinformatics Institute) with the default parameters. Suitable parameters for CLUSTALW protein alignments include GAP Existence penalty=15, GAP extension =0.2, matrix = Gonnet (e.g., Gonnet250), protein ENDGAP = -1, protein GAPDIST=4, and KTUPLE=1. In one embodiment, a fast or slow alignment is used with the default settings where a slow alignment is preferred. Alternatively, the parameters using the CLUSTALW method (e.g., version 1.83) may be modified to also use KTUPLE =1, GAP PENALTY=10, GAP extension =1, matrix = BLOSUM (e.g., BLOSUM64), WINDOW=5, and TOP DIAGONALS SAVED=5.

By “catalytic histidine” is meant the histidine residue in the presently disclosed perhydrolases that forms a catalytic triad with serine and aspartic acid. For example, in SEQ ID NO: 4, the catalytic histidine is amino acid residue number 302. A variant of SEQ ID NO: 4 that has perhydrolase activity will have its catalytic histidine align with the catalytic histidine of SEQ ID NO: 4 when the sequences are compared using CLUSTALW, meaning that the variant’s catalytic histidine may, but does not have to be, at amino acid position 302 of the variant.

In one aspect, suitable isolated nucleic acid molecules encode a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that is at least 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, or 99% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Suitable nucleic acid molecules not only have the above homologies, but also typically encode a polypeptide having about 210 to 340 amino acids in length, about 300

to about 340 amino acids, preferably about 310 to about 330 amino acids, and most preferably about 318 to about 325 amino acids in length wherein each polypeptide is characterized as having perhydrolytic activity.

5 Suitable Reaction Conditions for the Enzyme-Catalyzed Preparation of Peroxycarboxylic Acids from Carboxylic Acid Esters and Hydrogen Peroxide

A process is provided to produce an aqueous formulation comprising at least one peroxycarboxylic acid by reacting carboxylic acid esters and an inorganic peroxide (such as hydrogen peroxide, sodium perborate or sodium percarbonate) in the presence of an enzyme catalyst having perhydrolysis activity, wherein the enzyme catalyst comprises, in one embodiment, a polypeptide having at least 80% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine 10 is not glutamic acid. In a further embodiment, the polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity comprises an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NOs: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16. In a further embodiment, the polypeptide has 15 the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

In one embodiment, suitable substrates include one or more esters 20 provided by the following formula:



wherein X = an ester group of the formula $R_6 C(O)O$

25 R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for R_6 = C2 to C7;

30 R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl

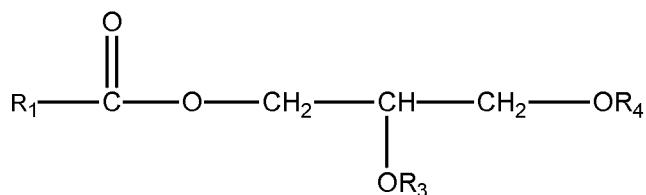
group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R₅ optionally comprises one or more ether linkages;

m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R₅; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C.

5 In another embodiment, R₆ = a C1 to C7 linear hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, optionally comprising one or more ether linkages. In a further preferred embodiment, R₆ = a C2 to C7 linear hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups, and/or optionally comprising one or more ether linkages.

10 In one embodiment, the suitable substrate may include 2-acetoxybenzoic acid, 3-acetoxybenzoic acid, 4-acetoxybenzoic acid or mixtures thereof. In another embodiment, suitable substrates also include one or more glycerides of the formula:

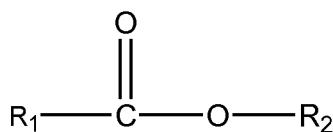
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wherein R₁ = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₃ and R₄ are individually H or R₁C(O). In one embodiment, the suitable substrate is a glyceride of the above formula wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₃ and R₄ are individually H or R₁C(O).

20 In another aspect, suitable substrates may also include one or more esters of the formula:

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wherein R_1 = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_2 = a C1 to C10

5 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n$, or $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O})_n\text{H}$ and n is 1 to 10.

Suitable substrates may also include one or more acylated saccharides selected from the group consisting of acylated mono-, di-, and polysaccharides.

In another embodiment, the acylated saccharides are selected from the group

10 consisting of acetylated xylan, fragments of acetylated xylan, acetylated xylose (such as xylose tetraacetate), acetylated glucose (such as α -D-glucose pentaacetate; β -D-glucose pentaacetate), β -D-galactose pentaacetate, sorbitol hexaacetate, sucrose octaacetate, β -D-ribofuranose-1,2,3,5-tetraacetate, tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal, tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal, tetraacetylxylofuranose, α -D-
15 glucopyranose pentaacetate, α -D-mannopyranose pentaacetate, and acetylated cellulose. In a preferred embodiment, the acetylated saccharide is selected from the group consisting of β -D-ribofuranose-1,2,3,5-tetraacetate, tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal, tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal, sucrose octaacetate, and acetylated cellulose.

In another embodiment, suitable substrates are selected from the group

20 consisting of: monoacetin; diacetin; triacetin; monopropionin; dipropionin; tripropionin; monobutyryl; dibutyryl; tributyryl; glucose pentaacetate; xylose tetraacetate; acetylated xylan; acetylated xylan fragments; β -D-ribofuranose-1,2,3,5-tetraacetate; tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal; tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal; monoesters or diesters of 1,2-ethanediol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-
25 butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,2-pantanediol, 2,5-pantanediol, 1,6-pantanediol, 1,2-hexanediol, 2,5-hexanediol, 1,6-hexanediol; and mixtures thereof.

In another embodiment, the carboxylic acid ester is selected from the group consisting of monoacetin, diacetin, triacetin, and combinations thereof. In

another embodiment, the substrate is a C1 to C6 polyol comprising one or more ester groups. In a preferred embodiment, one or more of the hydroxyl groups on the C1 to C6 polyol are substituted with one or more acetoxy groups (such as 1,3-propanediol diacetate, 1,4-butanediol diacetate, etc.). In a further 5 embodiment, the substrate is propylene glycol diacetate (PGDA), ethylene glycol diacetate (EGDA), or a mixture thereof.

In another embodiment, suitable substrates are selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate; methyl lactate; ethyl lactate; methyl glycolate; ethyl 10 glycolate; methyl methoxyacetate; ethyl methoxyacetate; methyl 3-

hydroxybutyrate; ethyl 3-hydroxybutyrate; triethyl 2-acetyl citrate; glucose 15 pentaacetate; gluconolactone; glycerides (mono-, di-, and triglycerides) such as monoacetyl, diacetin, triacetin, monopropionin, dipropionin (glyceryl dipropionate), tripropionin (1,2,3-tripropionylglycerol), monobutyryl, dibutyryl (glyceryl dibutyrate), tributyryl (1,2,3-tributyrylglycerol); acetylated saccharides; 20 and mixtures thereof.

In a further embodiment, suitable substrates are selected from the group consisting of monoacetyl, diacetin, triacetin, monopropionin, dipropionin, tripropionin, monobutyryl, dibutyryl, tributyryl, ethyl acetate, and ethyl lactate. In yet another aspect, the substrate is selected from the group consisting of 25 diacetin, triacetin, ethyl acetate, and ethyl lactate. In a most preferred embodiment, the suitable substrate comprises triacetin.

The carboxylic acid ester is present in the aqueous reaction formulation at a concentration sufficient to produce the desired concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid upon enzyme-catalyzed perhydrolysis. The carboxylic acid 25 ester need not be completely soluble in the aqueous reaction formulation, but has sufficient solubility to permit conversion of the ester by the perhydrolase catalyst to the corresponding peroxy carboxylic acid. The carboxylic acid ester is present in the aqueous reaction formulation at a concentration of 0.0005 wt % to 40 wt % of the aqueous reaction formulation, preferably at a concentration of 30 0.01 wt % to 20 wt % of the aqueous reaction formulation, and more preferably at a concentration of 0.05 wt % to 10 wt % of the aqueous reaction formulation.

The wt % of carboxylic acid ester may optionally be greater than the solubility limit of the carboxylic acid ester, such that the concentration of the carboxylic acid ester is at least 0.0005 wt % in the aqueous reaction formulation that is comprised of water, enzyme catalyst, and source of peroxide, where the

5 remainder of the carboxylic acid ester remains as a second separate phase of a two-phase aqueous/organic reaction formulation. Not all of the added carboxylic acid ester must immediately dissolve in the aqueous reaction formulation, and after an initial mixing of all reaction components, additional continuous or discontinuous mixing is optional.

10 The peroxy carboxylic acids produced by the present reaction components may vary depending upon the selected substrates, so long as the present enzyme catalyst is used. In one embodiment, the peroxy carboxylic acid produced is peracetic acid, perpropionic acid, perbutyric acid, peroctanoic acid, perlactic acid, perglycolic acid, permethoxyacetic acid, per- β -hydroxybutyric acid, 15 or mixtures thereof.

The peroxygen source may include, but is not limited to, hydrogen peroxide, hydrogen peroxide adducts (e.g., urea-hydrogen peroxide adduct (carbamide peroxide)), perborate salts and percarbonate salts. Alternatively, hydrogen peroxide can be generated *in situ* by the reaction of a substrate and 20 oxygen catalyzed by an enzyme having oxidase activity (including, but not limited to, glucose oxidase, galactose oxidase, sorbitol oxidase, hexose oxidase, alcohol oxidase, glycerol oxidase, monoamine oxidase, glycolate oxidase, lactate oxidase, pyruvate oxidase, oxalate oxidase, choline oxidase, cholesterol oxidase, pyranose oxidase, carboxy alcohol oxidase, L-amino acid oxidase, glycine 25 oxidase, glutamate oxidase, lysine oxidase, and uricase). The concentration of peroxygen compound in the aqueous reaction formulation may range from 0.0033 wt % to about 50 wt %, preferably from 0.033 wt % to about 40 wt %, more preferably from 0.33 wt % to about 30 wt %.

Many perhydrolase catalysts (such as whole cells, permeabilized whole 30 cells, and partially purified whole cell extracts) have been reported to have catalase activity (EC 1.11.1.6). Catalases catalyze the conversion of hydrogen

peroxide into oxygen and water. In one aspect, the enzyme catalyst having perhydrolase activity lacks catalase activity. In another aspect, the enzyme catalyst having perhydrolase activity has a sufficiently-low catalase activity that the presence of said catalase activity does not significantly interfere with

5 perhydrolase-catalyzed peroxycarboxylic acid production. In another aspect, a catalase inhibitor is added to the aqueous reaction formulation. Examples of catalase inhibitors include, but are not limited to, sodium azide and hydroxylamine sulfate. One of skill in the art can adjust the concentration of catalase inhibitor as needed. The concentration of the catalase inhibitor typically
10 ranges from 0.1 mM to about 1 M; preferably about 1 mM to about 50 mM; more preferably from about 1 mM to about 20 mM. In one aspect, sodium azide concentration typically ranges from about 20 mM to about 60 mM while hydroxylamine sulfate concentration is typically about 0.5 mM to about 30 mM, preferably about 10 mM.

15 The catalase activity in a host cell can be down-regulated or eliminated by disrupting expression of the gene(s) responsible for the catalase activity using well known techniques including, but not limited to, transposon mutagenesis, RNA antisense expression, targeted mutagenesis, and random mutagenesis. In a preferred embodiment, the gene(s) encoding the endogenous catalase activity
20 are down-regulated or disrupted (i.e., “knocked-out”). As used herein, a “disrupted” gene is one where the activity and/or function of the protein encoded by the modified gene are no longer present. Means to disrupt a gene are well-known in the art and may include, but are not limited to, insertions, deletions, or mutations to the gene so long as the activity and/or function of the corresponding
25 protein is no longer present. In a further preferred embodiment, the production host is an *E. coli* production host comprising a disrupted catalase gene selected from the group consisting of *katG* and *katE* (see U.S. Patent 7,951,566 to DiCosimo *et al.*). In another embodiment, the production host is an *E. coli* strain comprising a down-regulation and/or disruption in both *katG* and *katE* catalase
30 genes. An *E. coli* strain comprising a double-knockout of *katG* and *katE* has

been prepared and is described as *E. coli* strain KLP18 (U.S. Patent 7,951,566 to DiCosimo *et al.*).

The concentration of the catalyst in the aqueous reaction formulation depends on the specific catalytic activity of the catalyst, and is chosen to obtain

5 the desired rate of reaction. The weight of catalyst in perhydrolysis reactions typically ranges from 0.0001 mg to 50 mg per mL of total reaction volume, preferably from 0.0005 mg to 10 mg per mL, more preferably from 0.0010 mg to 2.0 mg per mL. The catalyst may also be immobilized on a soluble or insoluble support using methods well-known to those skilled in the art; see for example,

10 Immobilization of Enzymes and Cells (2nd Edition); Jose M. Guisan, Editor; Humana Press, Totowa, NJ, USA; 2006. The use of immobilized catalysts permits the recovery and reuse of the catalyst in subsequent reactions. The enzyme catalyst may be in the form of whole microbial cells, permeabilized microbial cells, microbial cell extracts, partially-purified or purified enzymes, and

15 mixtures thereof.

In one aspect, the concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid generated by the combination of chemical perhydrolysis and enzymatic perhydrolysis of the carboxylic acid ester is sufficient to provide an effective concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid for disinfection, bleaching, sanitization, deodorizing or

20 destaining at a desired pH. In another aspect, the peroxycarboxylic acid is generated at a safe and efficacious concentration suitable for use in a personal care product to be applied to the hair, skin, nails or tissues of the oral cavity, such as tooth enamel, tooth pellicle or the gums. In another aspect, the present methods provide combinations of enzymes and enzyme substrates to produce

25 the desired effective concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid, where, in the absence of added enzyme, there is a significantly lower concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid produced. Although there may be some chemical perhydrolysis of the enzyme substrate by direct chemical reaction of inorganic peroxide with the enzyme substrate, there may not be a sufficient concentration

30 of peroxycarboxylic acid generated to provide an effective concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid in the desired applications, and a significant increase in

total peroxy carboxylic acid concentration is achieved by the addition of an appropriate perhydrolase catalyst to the aqueous reaction formulation.

In one aspect of the invention, the concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid generated (e.g. peracetic acid) by the enzymatic perhydrolysis is at least about 2 ppm, preferably at least 20 ppm, preferably at least 100 ppm, more preferably at least about 200 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid, more preferably at least 300 ppm, more preferably at least 500 ppm, more preferably at least 700 ppm, more preferably at least about 1000 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid, more preferably at least about 2000 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid, most preferably at least 10,000 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid within 5 minutes more preferably within 1 minute of initiating the enzymatic perhydrolysis reaction. In a second aspect of the invention, the concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid generated (e.g. peracetic acid) by the enzymatic perhydrolysis is at least about 2 ppm, preferably at least 20 ppm, preferably at least 30 ppm, more preferably at least about 40 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid, more preferably at least 50 ppm, more preferably at least 60 ppm, more preferably at least 70 ppm, more preferably at least about 80 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid, most preferably at least 100 ppm peroxy carboxylic acid within 5 minutes, more preferably within 1 minute, of initiating the enzymatic perhydrolysis reaction (*i.e.*, time measured from combining the reaction components to form the formulation).

The aqueous formulation comprising the peroxy carboxylic acid may be optionally diluted with diluent comprising water, or a solution predominantly comprised of water, to produce a formulation with the desired lower target concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid. In one aspect, the reaction time required to produce the desired concentration (or concentration range) of peroxy carboxylic acid is about 20 minutes or less, preferable about 5 minutes or less, most preferably about 1 minute or less.

In other aspects, the surface or inanimate object contaminated with a concentration of a biological contaminant(s) is contacted with the peroxy carboxylic acid formed in accordance with the processes described herein within about 1 minute to about 168 hours of combining said reaction components,

or within about 1 minute to about 48 hours, or within about 1 minute to 2 hours of combining said reaction components, or any such time interval therein.

In another aspect, the peroxy carboxylic acid formed in accordance with the processes described herein is used in a laundry care application wherein the

5 peroxy carboxylic acid is contacted with clothing or a textile to provide a benefit, such as disinfecting, bleaching, destaining, deodorizing and/or a combination thereof. The peroxy carboxylic acid may be used in a variety of laundry care products including, but not limited to, laundry or textile pre-wash treatments, laundry detergents or additives, stain removers, bleaching compositions, 10 deodorizing compositions, and rinsing agents. In one embodiment, the present process to produce a peroxy carboxylic acid for a target surface is conducted *in situ*.

In the context of laundry care applications, the term "contacting an article of clothing or textile" means that the article of clothing or textile is exposed to a 15 formulation disclosed herein. To this end, there are a number of formats the formulation may be used to treat articles of clothing or textiles including, but not limited to, liquid, solids, gel, paste, bars, tablets, spray, foam, powder, or granules and can be delivered via hand dosing, unit dosing, dosing from a substrate, spraying and automatic dosing from a laundry washing or drying 20 machine. Granular compositions can also be in compact form; liquid compositions can also be in a concentrated form.

When the formulations disclosed herein are used in a laundry washing machine, the formulation can further contain components typical to laundry detergents. For example, typical components include, but are not limited to, 25 surfactants, bleaching agents, bleach activators, additional enzymes, suds suppressors, dispersants, lime-soap dispersants, soil suspension and anti-redeposition agents, softening agents, corrosion inhibitors, tarnish inhibitors, germicides, pH adjusting agents, non-builder alkalinity sources, chelating agents, organic and/or inorganic fillers, solvents, hydrotropes, optical brighteners, dyes, 30 and perfumes. The formulations disclosed herein can also be used as detergent additive products in solid or liquid form. Such additive products are intended to

supplement or boost the performance of conventional detergent compositions and can be added at any stage of the cleaning process.

In connection with the present systems and methods for laundry care where the peracid is generated for one or more of bleaching, stain removal, and

5 odor reduction, the concentration of peracid generated (e.g., peracetic acid) by the perhydrolysis of at least one carboxylic acid ester may be at least about 2 ppm, preferably at least 20 ppm, preferably at least 100 ppm, and more preferably at least about 200 ppm peracid. In connection with the present systems and methods for laundry care where the peracid is generated for
10 disinfection or sanitization, the concentration of peracid generated (e.g., peracetic acid) by the perhydrolysis of at least one carboxylic acid ester may be at least about 2 ppm, more preferably at least 20 ppm, more preferably at least 200 ppm, more preferably at least 500 ppm, more preferably at least 700 ppm, more preferably at least about 1000 ppm peracid, most preferably at least 2000
15 ppm peracid within 10 minutes, preferably within 5 minutes, and most preferably within 1 minute of initiating the perhydrolysis reaction. The product formulation comprising the peracid may be optionally diluted with water, or a solution predominantly comprised of water, to produce a formulation with the desired lower concentration of peracid. In one aspect of the present methods and
20 systems, the reaction time required to produce the desired concentration of peracid is not greater than about two hours, preferably not greater than about 30 minutes, more preferably not greater than about 10 minutes, even more preferably not greater than about 5 minutes, and most preferably in about 1 minute or less.

25 The temperature of the reaction is chosen to control both the reaction rate and the stability of the enzyme catalyst activity. The temperature of the reaction may range from just above the freezing point of the aqueous reaction formulation (approximately 0 °C) to about 85 °C, with a preferred range of reaction temperature of from about 5 °C to about 75 °C.

30 The pH of the aqueous reaction formulation while enzymatically producing peroxycarboxylic acid is maintained at a pH ranging from about 5.0 to about 10.0,

preferably about 6.5 to about 8.5, and yet even more preferably about 6.5 to about 7.5. In one embodiment, the pH of the aqueous reaction formulation ranges from about 6.5 to about 8.5 for at least 30 minutes after combining the reaction components. The pH of the aqueous reaction formulation may be

5 adjusted or controlled by the addition or incorporation of a suitable buffer, including, but not limited to, phosphate, pyrophosphate, bicarbonate, acetate, or citrate. In one embodiment, the buffer is selected from a phosphate buffer, a bicarbonate buffer, or a buffer formed by the combination of hard water (tap water to simulate laundry care applications) and percarbonate (from sodium

10 percarbonate used to generate hydrogen peroxide). The concentration of buffer, when employed, is typically from 0.1 mM to 1.0 M, preferably from 1 mM to 300 mM, most preferably from 10 mM to 100 mM. In another aspect of the present invention, no buffer is added to the reaction mixture while enzymatically producing peroxy carboxylic acid.

15 In yet another aspect, the enzymatic perhydrolysis aqueous reaction formulation may contain an organic solvent that acts as a dispersant to enhance the rate of dissolution of the carboxylic acid ester in the aqueous reaction formulation. Such solvents include, but are not limited to, propylene glycol methyl ether, acetone, cyclohexanone, diethylene glycol butyl ether, tripropylene glycol

20 methyl ether, diethylene glycol methyl ether, propylene glycol butyl ether, dipropylene glycol methyl ether, cyclohexanol, benzyl alcohol, isopropanol, ethanol, propylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.

In another aspect, the enzymatic perhydrolysis product may contain additional components that provide desirable functionality. These additional

25 components include, but are not limited to, buffers, detergent builders, thickening agents, emulsifiers, surfactants, wetting agents, corrosion inhibitors (e.g., benzotriazole), enzyme stabilizers, and peroxide stabilizers (e.g., metal ion chelating agents). Many of the additional components are well known in the detergent industry (see, for example, U.S. Patent 5,932,532; hereby incorporated

30 by reference). Examples of emulsifiers include, but are not limited to, polyvinyl alcohol or polyvinylpyrrolidone. Examples of thickening agents include, but are

not limited to, LAPONITE® RD (synthetic layered silicate), corn starch, PVP, CARBOWAX® (polyethylene glycol and/or methoxypolyethylene glycol), CARBOPOL® (acrylates crosspolymer), CABOSIL® (synthetic amorphous fumed silicon dioxide), polysorbate 20, PVA, and lecithin. Examples of buffering systems include, but are not limited to, sodium phosphate monobasic/sodium phosphate dibasic; sulfamic acid/triethanolamine; citric acid/triethanolamine; tartaric acid/triethanolamine; succinic acid/triethanolamine; and acetic acid/triethanolamine. Examples of surfactants include, but are not limited to, a) non-ionic surfactants such as block copolymers of ethylene oxide or propylene oxide, ethoxylated or propoxylated linear and branched primary and secondary alcohols, and aliphatic phosphine oxides; b) cationic surfactants such as quaternary ammonium compounds, particularly quaternary ammonium compounds having a C8-C20 alkyl group bound to a nitrogen atom additionally bound to three C1-C2 alkyl groups; c) anionic surfactants such as alkane carboxylic acids (e.g., C8-C20 fatty acids), alkyl phosphonates, alkane sulfonates (e.g., sodium dodecylsulphate “SDS”) or linear or branched alkyl benzene sulfonates, alkene sulfonates; and d) amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants such as aminocarboxylic acids, aminodicarboxylic acids, alkybetaines, and mixtures thereof. Additional components may include fragrances, dyes, stabilizers of hydrogen peroxide (e.g., metal chelators such as 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid (DEQUEST® 2010, Solutia Inc., St. Louis, MO) and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA)), TURPINAL® SL (etidronic acid), DEQUEST® 0520 (phosphonate), DEQUEST® 0531 (phosphonate), stabilizers of enzyme activity (e.g., polyethylene glycol (PEG)), and detergent builders.

In another aspect, the enzymatic perhydrolysis product may be pre-mixed to generate the desired concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid prior to contacting the surface or inanimate object to be disinfected.

In another aspect, the enzymatic perhydrolysis product is not pre-mixed to generate the desired concentration of peroxycarboxylic acid prior to contacting the surface or inanimate object to be disinfected, but instead, the components of

the aqueous reaction formulation that generate the desired concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid are contacted with the surface or inanimate object to be disinfected and/or bleached or destained, generating the desired concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid. In some embodiments, the components of the aqueous 5 reaction formulation combine or mix at the locus. In some embodiments, the reaction components are delivered or applied to the locus and subsequently mix or combine to generate the desired concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid.

Production of Peroxycarboxylic Acids Using a Perhydrolase Catalyst

10 The peroxy carboxylic acids, once produced, are quite reactive and may decrease in concentration over extended periods of time, depending on variables that include, but are not limited to, temperature and pH. As such, it may be desirable to keep the various reaction components separated, especially for liquid formulations. In one aspect, the hydrogen peroxide source is separate 15 from either the substrate or the perhydrolase catalyst, preferably from both. This can be accomplished using a variety of techniques including, but not limited to, the use of multicompartiment chambered dispensers (U.S. Patent 4,585,150) and at the time of use physically combining the perhydrolase catalyst with a source of peroxygen (such as hydrogen peroxide) and the present substrates to initiate the 20 aqueous enzymatic perhydrolysis reaction. The perhydrolase catalyst may optionally be immobilized within the body of reaction chamber or separated (e.g., filtered, etc.) from the reaction product comprising the peroxy carboxylic acid prior to contacting the surface and/or object targeted for treatment. The perhydrolase catalyst may be in a liquid matrix or in a solid form (e.g., powder or tablet) or 25 embedded within a solid matrix that is subsequently mixed with the substrates to initiate the enzymatic perhydrolysis reaction. In a further aspect, the perhydrolase catalyst may be contained within a dissolvable or porous pouch that may be added to the aqueous substrate matrix to initiate enzymatic perhydrolysis. In yet a further aspect, the perhydrolase catalyst may comprise 30 the contents contained within a separate compartment of a dissolvable or porous pouch that has at least one additional compartment for the containment contents

comprising the ester substrate and/or source of peroxide. In an additional further aspect, a powder comprising the enzyme catalyst is suspended in the substrate (e.g., triacetin), and at time of use is mixed with a source of peroxygen in water.

5 Method for Determining the Concentration of Peroxycarboxylic Acid and Hydrogen Peroxide.

A variety of analytical methods can be used in the present method to analyze the reactants and products including, but not limited to, titration, high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), gas chromatography (GC), mass 10 spectroscopy (MS), capillary electrophoresis (CE), the HPLC analytical procedure described by U. Karst *et al.* (*Anal. Chem.*, 69(17):3623-3627 (1997)), and the 2,2'-azino-bis (3-ethylbenzothiazoline)-6-sulfonate (ABTS) assay (see U. Pinkernell *et al.*, *The Analyst* 122:567-571 (1997); S. Minning, *et al.*, *Analytica Chimica Acta* 378:293-298 (1999) and WO 2004/058961 A1) as described in 15 U.S. Patent 7,951,566.

Determination of Minimum Biocidal Concentration of Peroxycarboxylic Acids

The method described by J. Gabrielson *et al.* (*J. Microbiol. Methods* 50: 63-73 (2002)) can be employed for determination of the Minimum Biocidal 20 Concentration (MBC) of peroxyacids, or of hydrogen peroxide and enzyme substrates. The assay method is based on XTT reduction inhibition, where XTT (2,3-bis[2-methoxy-4-nitro-5-sulfophenyl]-5-[(phenylamino)carbonyl]-2H-tetrazolium, inner salt, monosodium salt) is a redox dye that indicates microbial respiratory activity by a change in optical density (OD) measured at 490 25 nm or 450 nm. However, there are a variety of other methods available for testing the activity of disinfectants and antiseptics including, but not limited to, viable plate counts, direct microscopic counts, dry weight, turbidity measurements, absorbance, and bioluminescence (see, for example Brock, Semour S., Disinfection, Sterilization, and Preservation, 5th edition, Lippincott 30 Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA, USA; 2001).

Uses of Enzymatically Prepared Peroxycarboxylic Acid Compositions

The enzyme catalyst-generated peroxyacid produced according to the present method can be used in a variety of hard surface/inanimate object applications for reduction of concentrations of biological contaminants, such as

- 5 decontamination of medical instruments (e.g., endoscopes), textiles (such as garments and carpets), food preparation surfaces, food storage and food-packaging equipment, materials used for the packaging of food products, chicken hatcheries and grow-out facilities, animal enclosures, and spent process waters that have microbial and/or virucidal activity. The enzyme-generated
- 10 peroxyacid acids may be used in formulations designed to inactivate prions (e.g., certain proteases) to additionally provide biocidal activity (see U.S. Patent 7,550,420 to DiCosimo *et al.*).

In one aspect, the peroxyacid composition is useful as a disinfecting agent for non-autoclavable medical instruments and food packaging equipment. As the peroxyacid-containing formulation may be prepared using GRAS (generally recognized as safe) or food-grade components (enzyme, enzyme substrate, hydrogen peroxide, and buffer), the enzyme-generated peroxyacid may also be used for decontamination of animal carcasses, meat, fruits and vegetables, or for decontamination of prepared foods.

20 The enzyme-generated peroxyacid may be incorporated into a product whose final form is a powder, liquid, gel, film, solid or aerosol. The enzyme-generated peroxyacid may be diluted to a concentration that still provides an efficacious decontamination.

The compositions comprising an efficacious concentration of peroxyacid can be used to disinfect surfaces and/or objects contaminated (or suspected of being contaminated) with biological contaminants, such as pathogenic microbial contaminants, by contacting the surface or object with the products produced by the present processes. As used herein, "contacting" refers to placing a disinfecting composition comprising an effective concentration of peroxyacid in contact with the surface or inanimate object suspected of contamination with a biological contaminant for a period of

time sufficient to clean and disinfect. Contacting includes spraying, treating, immersing, flushing, pouring on or in, mixing, combining, painting, coating, applying, affixing to and otherwise communicating a peroxy carboxylic acid solution or composition comprising an efficacious concentration of

5 peroxy carboxylic acid, or a solution or composition that forms an efficacious concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid, with the surface or inanimate object suspected of being contaminated with a concentration of a biological contaminant. The disinfectant compositions may be combined with a cleaning composition to provide both cleaning and disinfection. Alternatively, a cleaning
10 agent (e.g., a surfactant or detergent) may be incorporated into the formulation to provide both cleaning and disinfection in a single composition.

The compositions comprising an efficacious concentration of peroxy carboxylic acid can also contain at least one additional antimicrobial agent, combinations of prion-degrading proteases, a virucide, a sporicide, or a
15 biocide. Combinations of these agents with the peroxy carboxylic acid produced by the claimed processes can provide for increased and/or synergistic effects when used to clean and disinfect surfaces and/or objects contaminated (or suspected of being contaminated) with biological contaminants. Suitable antimicrobial agents include carboxylic esters (e.g., *p*-hydroxy alkyl benzoates and alkyl cinnamates); sulfonic acids (e.g., dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid); iodo-
20 compounds or active halogen compounds (e.g., elemental halogens, halogen oxides (e.g., NaOCl, HOCl, HOBr, ClO₂), iodine, interhalides (e.g., iodine monochloride, iodine dichloride, iodine trichloride, iodine tetrachloride, bromine chloride, iodine monobromide, or iodine dibromide), polyhalides, hypochlorite salts, hypochlorous acid, hypobromite salts, hypobromous acid, chloro- and bromo-hydantoins, chlorine dioxide, and sodium chlorite); organic peroxides including benzoyl peroxide, alkyl benzoyl peroxides, ozone, singlet oxygen generators, and mixtures thereof; phenolic derivatives (e.g., *o*-phenyl phenol, *o*-benzyl-*p*-chlorophenol, *tert*-amyl phenol and C₁-C₆ alkyl hydroxy benzoates);
25 quaternary ammonium compounds (e.g., alkyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride, dialkyldimethyl ammonium chloride and mixtures thereof); and mixtures
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of such antimicrobial agents, in an amount sufficient to provide the desired degree of microbial protection. Effective amounts of antimicrobial agents include about 0.001 wt% to about 60 wt% antimicrobial agent, about 0.01 wt% to about 15 wt% antimicrobial agent, or about 0.08 wt% to about 2.5 wt% antimicrobial

5 agent.

In one aspect, the peroxy carboxylic acids formed by the process can be used to reduce the concentration of viable biological contaminants (such as a microbial population) when applied on and/or at a locus. As used herein, a "locus" comprises part or all of a target surface suitable for disinfecting or

10 bleaching. Target surfaces include all surfaces that can potentially be contaminated with biological contaminants. Non-limiting examples include equipment surfaces found in the food or beverage industry (such as tanks, conveyors, floors, drains, coolers, freezers, equipment surfaces, walls, valves, belts, pipes, drains, joints, crevasses, combinations thereof, and the like);

15 building surfaces (such as walls, floors and windows); non-food-industry related pipes and drains, including water treatment facilities, pools and spas, and fermentation tanks; hospital or veterinary surfaces (such as walls, floors, beds, equipment (such as endoscopes), clothing worn in hospital/veterinary or other healthcare settings, including clothing, scrubs, shoes, and other hospital or

20 veterinary surfaces); restaurant surfaces; bathroom surfaces; toilets; clothes and shoes; surfaces of barns or stables for livestock, such as poultry, cattle, dairy cows, goats, horses and pigs; hatcheries for poultry or for shrimp; and pharmaceutical or biopharmaceutical surfaces (e.g., pharmaceutical or biopharmaceutical manufacturing equipment, pharmaceutical or

25 biopharmaceutical ingredients, pharmaceutical or biopharmaceutical excipients). Additional hard surfaces include food products, such as beef, poultry, pork, vegetables, fruits, seafood, combinations thereof, and the like. The locus can also include water absorbent materials such as infected linens or other textiles. The locus also includes harvested plants or plant products including seeds,

30 corms, tubers, fruit, and vegetables, growing plants, and especially crop growing

plants, including cereals, leaf vegetables and salad crops, root vegetables, legumes, berried fruits, citrus fruits and hard fruits.

Non-limiting examples of hard surface materials are metals (e.g., steel, stainless steel, chrome, titanium, iron, copper, brass, aluminum, and alloys

5 thereof), minerals (e.g., concrete), polymers and plastics (e.g., polyolefins, such as polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, poly(meth)acrylate, polyacrylonitrile, polybutadiene, poly(acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene), poly(acrylonitrile, butadiene), acrylonitrile butadiene; polyesters such as polyethylene terephthalate; and polyamides such as nylon). Additional surfaces include brick, 10 tile, ceramic, porcelain, wood, wood pulp, paper, vinyl, linoleum, and carpet.

The peroxydicarboxylic acids formed by the present process may be used to provide a benefit to an article of clothing or a textile including, but not limited to, disinfecting, sanitizing, bleaching, destaining, and deodorizing. The peroxydicarboxylic acids formed by the present process may be used in any

15 number of laundry care products including, but not limited to, textile pre-wash treatments, laundry detergents, laundry detergents or additives, stain removers, bleaching compositions, deodorizing compositions, and rinsing agents, to name a few.

The peroxydicarboxylic acids formed by the present process can be used in 20 one or more steps of the wood pulp or paper pulp bleaching/delignification process, particularly where peracetic acid is used (for example, see EP1040222 B1 and U.S. Patent 5,552,018 to Devenyns, J.).

Personal Care Applications

25 The perhydrolytic enzymes described herein can be used to produce a peracid benefit agent for personal applications such as hair care (bleaching, depilatory), skincare (skin lightening, antimicrobial), and oral care applications (teeth whitening/bleaching or anticeptic), to name a few. The compositions and methods described herein may further comprise one or more dermatologically or 30 cosmetically acceptable components known or otherwise effective for use in hair care, skin care, nail care or other personal care products, provided that the

optional components are physically and chemically compatible with the essential components described herein, or do not otherwise unduly impair product stability, aesthetics, or performance. Non-limiting examples of such optional components are disclosed in International Cosmetic Ingredient Dictionary, Ninth Edition, 2002,

5 and CTFA Cosmetic Ingredient Handbook, Tenth Edition, 2004.

In one embodiment, the dermatologically/cosmetically acceptable carrier may comprise from about 10 wt% to about 99.9 wt%, alternatively from about 50 wt% to about 95 wt%, and alternatively from about 75 wt% to about 95 wt%, of a dermatologically acceptable carrier. Carriers suitable for use with the

10 composition(s) may include, for example, those used in the formulation of hair sprays, mousses, tonics, gels, skin moisturizers, lotions, and leave-on conditioners. The carrier may comprise water; organic oils; silicones such as volatile silicones, amino or non-amino silicone gums or oils, and mixtures thereof; mineral oils; plant oils such as olive oil, castor oil, rapeseed oil, coconut oil, 15 wheatgerm oil, sweet almond oil, avocado oil, macadamia oil, apricot oil, safflower oil, candlenut oil, false flax oil, tamanu oil, lemon oil and mixtures thereof; waxes; and organic compounds such as C₂-C₁₀ alkanes, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, volatile organic C₁-C₁₂ alcohols, esters (with the understanding that the choice of ester(s) may be dependent on whether or not it may act as a 20 carboxylic acid ester substrates for the perhydrolases) of C₁-C₂₀ acids and of C₁-C₈ alcohols such as methyl acetate, butyl acetate, ethyl acetate, and isopropyl myristate, dimethoxyethane, diethoxyethane, C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty alcohols such as lauryl alcohol, cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, and behenyl alcohol; C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty acids such as lauric acid and stearic acid; C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty amides such as lauric 25 diethanolamide; C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty alkyl esters such as C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty alkyl benzoates; hydroxypropylcellulose; and mixtures thereof. In one embodiment, the carrier comprises water, fatty alcohols, volatile organic alcohols, and mixtures thereof. The composition(s) of the present invention further may comprise from about 0.1% to about 10%, and alternatively from about 0.2% to about 5.0%, of a gelling 30 agent to help provide the desired viscosity to the composition(s). Non-limiting examples of suitable optional gelling agents include crosslinked carboxylic acid

polymers; unneutralized crosslinked carboxylic acid polymers; unneutralized modified crosslinked carboxylic acid polymers; crosslinked ethylene/maleic anhydride copolymers; unneutralized crosslinked ethylene/maleic anhydride copolymers (e.g., EMA 81 commercially available from Monsanto); unneutralized 5 crosslinked alkyl ether/acrylate copolymers (e.g., SALCARE™ SC90 commercially available from Allied Colloids); unneutralized crosslinked copolymers of sodium polyacrylate, mineral oil, and PEG-1 trideceth-6 (e.g., SALCARE™ SC91 commercially available from Allied Colloids); unneutralized crosslinked copolymers of methyl vinyl ether and maleic anhydride (e.g., 10 STABILEZE™ QM-PVM/MA copolymer commercially available from International Specialty Products); hydrophobically modified nonionic cellulose polymers; hydrophobically modified ethoxylate urethane polymers (e.g., UCARE™ Polyphobe Series of alkali swellable polymers commercially available from Union Carbide); and combinations thereof. In this context, the term “unneutralized” 15 means that the optional polymer and copolymer gelling agent materials contain unneutralized acid monomers. Preferred gelling agents include water-soluble unneutralized crosslinked ethylene/maleic anhydride copolymers, water-soluble unneutralized crosslinked carboxylic acid polymers, water-soluble hydrophobically modified nonionic cellulose polymers and surfactant/fatty alcohol 20 gel networks such as those suitable for use in hair conditioning products.

Recombinant Microbial Expression

The genes and gene products of the instant sequences may be produced in heterologous host cells, particularly in the cells of microbial hosts. Preferred 25 heterologous host cells for expression of the instant genes and nucleic acid molecules are microbial hosts that can be found within the fungal or bacterial families and which grow over a wide range of temperature, pH values, and solvent tolerances. For example, it is contemplated that any of bacteria, yeast, and filamentous fungi may suitably host the expression of the present nucleic 30 acid molecules. The perhydrolase may be expressed intracellularly, extracellularly, or a combination of both intracellularly and extracellularly, where

extracellular expression renders recovery of the desired protein from a fermentation product more facile than methods for recovery of protein produced by intracellular expression. Transcription, translation and the protein biosynthetic apparatus remain invariant relative to the cellular feedstock used to generate

5 cellular biomass; functional genes will be expressed regardless. Examples of host strains include, but are not limited to, bacterial, fungal or yeast species such as *Aspergillus*, *Trichoderma*, *Saccharomyces*, *Pichia*, *Phaffia*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Candida*, *Hansenula*, *Yarrowia*, *Salmonella*, *Bacillus*, *Acinetobacter*, *Zymomonas*, *Agrobacterium*, *Erythrobacter*, *Chlorobium*, *Chromatium*,

10 *Flavobacterium*, *Cytophaga*, *Rhodobacter*, *Rhodococcus*, *Streptomyces*, *Brevibacterium*, *Corynebacteria*, *Mycobacterium*, *Deinococcus*, *Escherichia*, *Erwinia*, *Pantoea*, *Pseudomonas*, *Sphingomonas*, *Methyloimonas*, *Methylobacter*, *Methylococcus*, *Methylosinus*, *Methylomicrobium*, *Methylocystis*, *Alcaligenes*, *Synechocystis*, *Synechococcus*, *Anabaena*, *Thiobacillus*, *Methanobacterium*,

15 *Klebsiella*, and *Myxococcus*. In one embodiment, bacterial host strains include *Escherichia*, *Bacillus*, and *Pseudomonas*. In a preferred embodiment, the bacterial host cell is *Bacillus subtilis* or *Escherichia coli*.

Industrial Production

20 A variety of culture methodologies may be applied to produce the perhydrolase catalyst. Large-scale production of a specific gene product over expressed from a recombinant microbial host may be produced by batch, fed-batch or continuous culture methodologies. Batch and fed-batch culturing methods are common and well known in the art and examples may be found in

25 Thomas D. Brock in Biotechnology: A Textbook of Industrial Microbiology, Second Edition, Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, MA (1989) and Deshpande, Mukund V., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.*, 36:227 (1992).

In one embodiment, commercial production of the desired perhydrolase catalyst is accomplished with a continuous culture. Continuous cultures are an

30 open system where a defined culture media is added continuously to a bioreactor and an equal amount of conditioned media is removed simultaneously for

processing. Continuous cultures generally maintain the cells at a constant high liquid phase density where cells are primarily in log phase growth. Alternatively, continuous culture may be practiced with immobilized cells where carbon and nutrients are continuously added and valuable products, by-products or waste products are continuously removed from the cell mass. Cell immobilization may be performed using a wide range of solid supports composed of natural and/or synthetic materials.

Recovery of the desired perhydrolase catalysts from a batch or fed-batch fermentation, or continuous culture may be accomplished by any of the methods that are known to those skilled in the art. For example, when the enzyme catalyst is produced intracellularly, the cell paste is separated from the culture medium by centrifugation or membrane filtration, optionally washed with water or an aqueous buffer at a desired pH, then a suspension of the cell paste in an aqueous buffer at a desired pH is homogenized to produce a cell extract containing the desired enzyme catalyst. The cell extract may optionally be filtered through an appropriate filter aid such as celite or silica to remove cell debris prior to a heat-treatment step to precipitate undesired protein from the enzyme catalyst solution. The solution containing the desired enzyme catalyst may then be separated from the precipitated cell debris and protein produced during the heat-treatment step by membrane filtration or centrifugation, and the resulting partially-purified enzyme catalyst solution concentrated by additional membrane filtration, then optionally mixed with an appropriate excipient (for example, maltodextrin, trehalose, sucrose, lactose, sorbitol, mannitol, phosphate buffer, citrate buffer, or mixtures thereof) and spray-dried to produce a solid powder comprising the desired enzyme catalyst. Alternatively, the resulting partially-purified enzyme catalyst solution prepared as described above may be optionally concentrated by additional membrane filtration, and the partially-purified enzyme catalyst solution or resulting enzyme concentrate is then optionally mixed with one or more stabilizing agents (e.g., glycerol, sorbitol, propylene glycol, 1,3-propanediol, polyols, polymeric polyols, polyvinylalcohol or mixtures thereof), one or more salts (e.g., sodium chloride, sodium sulfate,

potassium chloride, potassium sulfate, or mixtures thereof), and one or more biocides, and maintained as an aqueous solution until used.

When an amount, concentration, or other value or parameter is given either as a range, preferred range, or a list of upper preferable values and lower

5 preferable values, this is to be understood as specifically disclosing all ranges formed from any pair of any upper range limit or preferred value and any lower range limit or preferred value, regardless of whether ranges are separately disclosed. Where a range of numerical values is recited herein, unless otherwise stated, the range is intended to include the endpoints thereof, and all integers
10 and fractions within the range. It is not intended that the scope be limited to the specific values recited when defining a range.

GENERAL METHODS

The following examples are provided to demonstrate different

15 embodiments. It should be appreciated by those of skill in the art that the techniques disclosed in the examples which follow represent techniques discovered by the inventor to function well in the practice of the methods disclosed herein, and thus can be considered to constitute preferred modes for its practice. However, those of skill in the art should, in light of the present
20 disclosure, appreciate that many changes can be made in the specific embodiments which are disclosed and still obtain a like or similar result without departing from the spirit and scope of the presently disclosed methods.

All reagents and materials were obtained from DIFCO Laboratories (Detroit, MI), GIBCO/BRL (Gaithersburg, MD), TCI America (Portland, OR),
25 Roche Diagnostics Corporation (Indianapolis, IN) or Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company (St. Louis, MO), unless otherwise specified.

The following abbreviations in the specification correspond to units of measure, techniques, properties, or compounds as follows: "sec" or "s" means second(s), "min" means minute(s), "h" or "hr" means hour(s), " μ L" means
30 microliter(s), "mL" means milliliter(s), "L" means liter(s), "mM" means millimolar, "M" means molar, "mmol" means millimole(s), "ppm" means part(s) per million,

“wt” means weight, “wt%” means weight percent, “g” means gram(s), “ μg ” means microgram(s), “ng” means nanogram(s), “g” means gravity, “HPLC” means high performance liquid chromatography, “dd H_2O ” means distilled and deionized water, “dcw” means dry cell weight, “ATCC” or “ATCC[®]” means the American

5 Type Culture Collection (Manassas, VA), “U” means unit(s) of perhydrolase activity, “rpm” means revolution(s) per minute, “EDTA” means ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, “IPTG” means isopropyl- β -D-thio-galactoside, “BCA” means bicinchoninic acid, and “ABTS” means 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonate).

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EXAMPLE 1

Cloning and Production of CE-7 Acetyl Xylan Esterase

from *Actinosynnema mirum* in *E. coli*

The gene encoding the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from

15 *Actinosynnema mirum* as reported in GENBANK[®] (Accession No. ACU35776.1; GI:255920265) was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 3) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404[®] (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP91. The plasmid pMP91 was used to transform *E. coli*

20 KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP91. KLP18/pMP91 was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up to $\text{OD}_{600\text{nm}} = 0.4 - 0.5$, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 $\times g$ for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium

25 phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 $\times g$ and the protein concentration in the extract supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the CE-7 enzyme

30 (SEQ ID NO: 4), and analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java

image processing program, indicated that perhydrolase constituted 11% of total soluble protein.

EXAMPLE 2

5 Cloning and Production of CE-7 Acetyl Xylan Esterase from
 Propionibacterium acnes in *E. coli*

The gene encoding the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *Propionibacterium acnes* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession no. AEE71478.1; GI:332674662) was synthesized using codons optimized for 10 expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 5) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404® (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP92. The plasmid pMP92 was used to transform *E. coli* KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP92. KLP18/pMP92 was grown in LB media at 37 15 °C with shaking up to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell 20 twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the total soluble protein concentration in the extract supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the CE-7 enzyme (SEQ ID NO: 6), and analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, indicated that 25 perhydrolase constituted 13% of total soluble protein.

EXAMPLE 3

Cloning and Production of CE-7 Acetyl Xylan Esterase from
 Streptococcus equi in *E. coli*

30 The gene encoding the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *Streptococcus equi* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession no. CAX00506.1: GI: 225702544)

was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 7) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404® (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP93. The plasmid pMP93 was used to transform *E. coli* KLP18 (described 5 in US Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP93. KLP18/pMP93 was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 x 10 g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the total soluble protein concentration in the extract supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the CE-7 enzyme (SEQ ID 15 NO: 8), and analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, indicated that perhydrolase constituted 26% of total soluble protein.

EXAMPLE 4

20 Cloning and Production of CE-7 Acetyl Xylan Esterase from
Stackebrandtia nassauensis in E. coli

The gene encoding the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession No. ADD42786.1: GI:290569821) was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* 25 (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 9) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404® (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP94. The plasmid pMP91 was used to transform *E. coli* KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP94. KLP18/pMP94 was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up 30 to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at

5,000 x g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the total soluble protein

5 concentration in the extract supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the CE-7 enzyme (SEQ ID NO: 10), and analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, indicated that perhydrolase constituted 33% of total soluble protein.

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EXAMPLE 5

Cloning and Production of CE-7 Acetyl Xylan Esterase from *Streptococcus agalactiae* in *E. coli*

The gene encoding the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *Streptococcus agalactiae* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession No. AAM98949.1;

15 GI:22533045) was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 11) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404® (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP95. The plasmid pMP95 was used to transform *E. coli*

20 KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP95. KLP18/pMP95 was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium

25 phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the total soluble protein

concentration in the extract supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of

30 the CE-7 enzyme (SEQ ID NO: 12), and analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a

public domain Java image processing program, indicated that perhydrolase constituted 7.3% of total soluble protein.

EXAMPLE 6

5 Perhydrolase Activity Assays

Perhydrolase activity in extract supernatant was determined by reactions containing 22.5 mM triacetin, 22.5 mM hydrogen peroxide and 6.25 µg extract supernatant total soluble protein/mL. Incubation was for 10 minutes at ambient temperature (22-24 °C). Reactions were stopped by adding an equal volume of 10 1.25 M phosphoric acid containing 100 mM ortho-phenylenediamine. After 30 minutes, the absorbance at 458 nm was measured (Table 1). Additional perhydrolase activity measurements were made in reactions containing 10 mM triacetin and 10 mM hydrogen peroxide or 50 mM triacetin and 50 mM hydrogen peroxide (Table 1). CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* was also 15 produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control for the perhydrolase assay. *E. coli* KLP18 extract not containing a CE-7 enzyme was used a negative control.

Table 1.

CE-7 esterase source	ref	SEQ ID NO:	OD 458 nm			
			triacetin	10 mM	22.5 mM	50 mM
			H ₂ O ₂	10 mM	22.5 mM	50 mM
<i>A. mirum</i>	Ami	4		0.6	2.3	2.9
<i>P. acnes</i>	Pac	6		0.4	1.2	2.5
<i>S. equi</i>	Seq	8		0.3	1.9	2.0
<i>S. nassauensis</i>	Sna	10		0.1	0.2	0.8
<i>S. agalactiae</i>	Sag	12		0.0	0.1	0.3
<i>T. maritima</i>	Tma	2		0.2	1.0	2.5
none (control)				0.0	0.0	0.0

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EXAMPLE 7

Production of Peracetic Acid from Triacetin and Hydrogen Peroxide by CE-7 Esterases

Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing triacetin (10 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 5.0 µg/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4), *Propionibacterium acnes* (SEQ ID NO: 6), *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ ID NO: 8), *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* (SEQ ID NO: 10) or *Streptococcus agalactiae* (SEQ ID NO: 12), prepared as described in Examples 1-5. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 µg/mL of extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of triacetin by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. The CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant).

Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Pinkernell *et. al.* (*Analyst*, 122:567 (1997)) using colorimetric detection of ABTS oxidation by peracetic acid. A 50 µL reaction sample was added to 950 µL of 5 mM H₃PO₄ to stop the enzymatic reaction (final pH between pH 2-3), and 50 µL of the resulting solution was added to a 96-well microtiter plate well containing 200 µL of an aqueous solution containing 0.25 M acetic acid, 0.125 g/L ABTS and 5.0 mg/L of KI. The solution was allowed to develop for 5 min, then the absorbance of the solution was measured at 405 nm using a microplate reader. The peracetic acid concentration in each sample was calculated from a standard curve developed simultaneously using a peracetic acid reagent solution (Table 2).

Table 2. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from triacetin and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	triacetin (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	total soluble protein (µg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		10	20	0	4.1	4.3	3.1	4.0	4.6
control - <i>E. coli</i> KLP18		10	20	5.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.8
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	10	20	5.0	8.8	17	30	50	68
<i>P. acnes</i>	6	10	20	5.0	6.4	12	18	28	36
<i>S. equi</i>	8	10	20	5.0	18	33	47	53	52
<i>S. nassauensis</i>	10	10	20	5.0	4.3	6.0	7.8	11	15
<i>S. agalactiae</i>	12	10	20	5.0	4.3	4.5	5.1	6.6	7.4
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	10	20	5.0	5.6	11	16	28	43

EXAMPLE 8Production of Peracetic Acid from Propylene Glycol Diacetate and Hydrogen Peroxide by CE-7 Esterases

Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing propylene glycol diacetate (10 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 5.0 µg/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4), *Propionibacterium acnes* (SEQ ID NO: 6), *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ ID NO: 8), or *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* (SEQ ID NO: 10) prepared as described in Examples 1-4. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 µg/mL of extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of propylene glycol diacetate by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions.

The CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant). Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 3).

Table 3. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from propylene glycol diacetate and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	propylene glycol diacetate (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	total soluble protein (µg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		10	20	0	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.1
control - <i>E. coli</i> KLP18		10	20	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	10	20	5.0	8.0	13	22	35	47
<i>P. acnes</i>	6	10	20	5.0	6.1	6.9	8.6	13	12
<i>S. equi</i>	8	10	20	5.0	6.6	11	11	12	12
<i>S. nassauensis</i>	10	10	20	5.0	4.6	4.8	8.2	6.4	7.6
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	10	20	5.0	5.7	6.8	8.3	12	15

EXAMPLE 9Production of Peracetic Acid from α -D-Glucose Pentaacetate and Hydrogen Peroxide by CE-7 Esterases

Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing α -D-glucose pentaacetate (10 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 5.0 μ g/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4), *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ ID NO: 8), or *Streptococcus agalactiae* (SEQ ID NO: 12) prepared as described in Examples 1, 3 and 5. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 μ g/mL of extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of α -D-glucose pentaacetate by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. The CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant). Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 4).

Table 4. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from α -D-glucose pentaacetate and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	α -D-glucose pentaacetate (mM)	H_2O_2 (mM)	total soluble protein (μ g/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		10	20	0	6.7	18	41	93	136
control - <i>E. coli</i> KLP18		10	20	5.0	8.7	20	46	94	137
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	10	20	5.0	20	34	68	130	179
<i>S. equi</i>	8	10	20	5.0	11	23	46	93	141
<i>S. agalactiae</i>	12	10	20	5.0	16	29	51	99	148
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	10	20	5.0	11	24	47	99	144

EXAMPLE 10Production of Peracetic Acid from D-Sorbitol Hexaacetate and HydrogenPeroxide by CE-7 Esterases

5 Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing D-sorbitol hexaacetate (10 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 5.0 µg/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4), or *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ ID NO: 8) prepared as described in Examples 1 and 3.

10 Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 µg/mL of extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of

15 Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of D-sorbitol hexaacetate by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. The

20 CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant). Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table

25 5).

Table 5. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from D-sorbitol hexaacetaate and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	D-sorbitol hexaacetaate (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	total soluble protein (µg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		10	20	0	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.5
control - <i>E. coli</i> KLP18		10	20	5.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.7
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	10	20	5.0	5.6	9.0	15	25	34
<i>S. equi</i>	8	10	20	5.0	4.8	5.9	7.7	9.1	9.8
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	10	20	5.0	5.0	6.0	11	15	21

EXAMPLE 11Production of Peracetic Acid from Tri-O-Acetyl-D-Glucal and Hydrogen Peroxide by CE-7 Esterases

Reactions (50 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate

5 buffer (10 mM, pH 7.0) containing tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (2 mM), hydrogen peroxide (10 mM) and 5.0 µg/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4) or *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ ID NO: 8) prepared as described in Examples 1 and 3. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 µg/mL of extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. The CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant). Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 6).

Table 6. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO:	tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	total soluble protein (µg/mL)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		2	10	0	2.6	2.2
control - <i>E. coli</i> KLP18		2	10	5.0	2.5	1.5
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	2	10	5.0	6.7	18
<i>S. equi</i>	8	2	10	5.0	5.8	6.4
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	2	10	5.0	4.9	13

EXAMPLE 12Production of Peracetic Acid from 4-(Acethoxy)-Benzoic Acid and HydrogenPeroxide by CE-7 Esterases

5 Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 20 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing 4-(acethoxy)-benzoic acid (CAS 2345-34-8; 25 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 5.0 µg/mL of extract supernatant total soluble protein containing the CE-7 esterase from *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4), *Propionibacterium acnes* (SEQ ID NO: 6), *Streptococcus equi* (SEQ 10 ID NO: 8), or *Stackebrandtia nassauensis* (SEQ ID NO: 10) prepared as described in Examples 1-4. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using 5.0 µg/mL of heat-treated extract total soluble protein isolated from *E. coli* 15 KLP18 (used to express the CE-7 esterases), where the extract supernatant was prepared according to the procedure of Example 1. A second comparative control reaction was also run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no added extract supernatant total soluble protein, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result 20 of chemical perhydrolysis of 4-(acethoxy)-benzoic acid by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. The CE-7 acetyl xylan esterase from *T. maritima* (SEQ ID NO: 2) was also produced in *E. coli* KLP18 (described in US Patent Application Publication 2008-0176299) and used as a positive control in a comparative reaction (11% of total soluble protein in cell extract supernatant). 25 Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 7).

Table 7. CE-7 perhydrolase-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from 4-(acetoxy)-benzoic acid and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 20 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	4-(acetoxy)-benzoic acid (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	total soluble protein (μg/mL)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		25	20	0	28	74
control - <i>E. coli</i> /KLP18		25	20	5.0	21	73
<i>A. mirum</i>	4	25	20	5.0	36	85
<i>P. acnes</i>	6	25	20	5.0	31	90
<i>S. equi</i>	8	25	20	5.0	31	98
<i>S. nassauensis</i>	10	25	20	5.0	29	80
<i>T. maritima</i>	2	25	20	5.0	21	71

EXAMPLE 13Cloning and Production of an *Actinosynnema mirum* Acetyl Xylan EsteraseVariant

5 A gene encoding a variant of the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *A. mirum* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession No. ACU35776.1: GI: 255920265) was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 13) was subcloned into PJEXPRESS404® (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified 10 as pMP91a. The encoded variant protein is called Ami_C276S (SEQ ID NO: 14). The plasmid pMP91a was used to transform *E. coli* KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP91a. KLP18/pMP91a was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and 15 incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the protein concentration in the supernatant was 20 determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the enzyme and densitometry (ImageJ software, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD) was used to calculate the enzyme protein as approximately 16-18% of the total protein.

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EXAMPLE 14Cloning and Production of an *Actinosynnema mirum* Acetyl Xylan EsteraseVariant

A gene encoding a variant of the acetyl xylan esterase enzyme from *A. mirum* as reported in GENBANK® (Accession No. ACU35776.1: GI: 255920265) 30 was synthesized using codons optimized for expression in *E. coli* (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA). The nucleic acid product (SEQ ID NO: 15) was subcloned into

PJEXPRESS404[®] (DNA 2.0, Menlo Park, CA) to generate the plasmid identified as pMP91b. The encoded variant protein is called Ami_C276T (SEQ ID NO: 16). The plasmid pMP91b was used to transform *E. coli* KLP18 (described in U.S. Patent 7,723,083) to generate the strain identified as KLP18/pMP91b.

5 KLP18/pMP91b was grown in LB media at 37 °C with shaking up to OD_{600nm} = 0.4 - 0.5, at which time IPTG was added to a final concentration of 1 mM, and incubation continued for 2-3 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 15 minutes then resuspended (20% w/v) in 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0 supplemented with 1.0 mM dithiothreitol. Resuspended cells were 10 passed through a French pressure cell twice. Lysed cells were centrifuged for 30 minutes at 12,000 x g and the protein concentration in the supernatant was determined using a BCA assay kit (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). SDS-PAGE was used to confirm expression of the enzyme and densitometry (ImageJ software, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD) was used to calculate the 15 enzyme protein as approximately 16-18% of the total protein.

EXAMPLE 15

Perhydrolase Activity Assays

Perhydrolase activity in extracts was determined by reactions containing 20 22.5 mM triacetin, 22.5 mM hydrogen peroxide and 1.5 µg total protein/mL. Incubation was for 10 minutes at ambient temperature (22-24 °C). Reactions were stopped by adding an equal volume of 1.25 M phosphoric acid containing 100 mM ortho-phenylenediamine. After 30 minutes, the absorbance at 458 nm was measured (Table 8). *E. coli* KLP18 extract not containing an acetyl xylan 25 esterase enzyme was used a negative control.

Table 8.

Enzyme ID.	SEQ ID NO:	OD 458 nm
Ami_wt	4	0.21
Ami_C276S	14	2.3
Ami_C276T	16	1.5
Control – no enzyme		0

EXAMPLE 16Production of Peracetic Acid from Triacetin and Hydrogen Peroxide
by CE-7 Esterase Variants

5 Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.0) containing triacetin (0.75 mM), hydrogen peroxide (1.4 mM) and either 1.0 µg/mL or 2.0 µg/mL of CE-7 esterase from wild-type *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4, prepared as described in Example 1), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276S variant (SEQ ID NO: 14, prepared as described in

10 Example 13), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276T variant (SEQ ID NO: 16, prepared as described in Example 14), *T. maritima* C277S (SEQ ID NO: 17, produced in *E. coli* KLP18 as described in US Patent 8,062,875), and *T. maritima* C277T (SEQ ID NO:18, produced in *E. coli* KLP18 as described in US Patent 8,062,875). Analysis of cell extracts containing CE-7 esterase by SDS-PAGE gels in

15 combination with analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, was used to calculate the concentration of CE-7 esterase in cell extracts as a percentage of total soluble protein. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described

20 immediately above using no added CE-7 esterase, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of triacetin by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 9).

Table 9. CE-7 perhydrolase variant-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from triacetin and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	triacetin (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	CE-7 esterase variant (µg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		0.75	1.4	0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
<i>A. mirum</i> wild-type	4	0.75	1.4	1.0	0.6	1.4	2.1	1.2	0.6
<i>A. mirum</i> C276S	14	0.75	1.4	1.0	3.1	5.4	6.8	4.9	3.0
<i>A. mirum</i> C276T	16	0.75	1.4	1.0	3.0	6.0	8.8	8.1	5.1
<i>T. maritima</i> C277S	17	0.75	1.4	1.0	1.3	2.6	4.2	4.8	4.2
<i>T. maritima</i> C277T	18	0.75	1.4	1.0	2.4	4.8	6.1	5.6	3.7
<i>A. mirum</i> wild-type	4	0.75	1.4	2.0	1.0	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.4
<i>A. mirum</i> C276S	14	0.75	1.4	2.0	5.3	6.7	4.8	1.8	1.2
<i>A. mirum</i> C276T	16	0.75	1.4	2.0	5.5	8.6	7.7	2.4	1.4
<i>T. maritima</i> C277S	17	0.75	1.4	2.0	2.9	4.2	5.0	3.4	2.0
<i>T. maritima</i> C277T	18	0.75	1.4	2.0	4.1	6.2	5.5	2.1	1.1

EXAMPLE 17Production of Peracetic Acid from Triacetin and Hydrogen Peroxide
by CE-7 Esterase Variants

5 Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) containing triacetin (10 mM), hydrogen peroxide (20 mM) and 0.5 µg/mL of CE-7 esterase from wild-type *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4, prepared as described in Example 1), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276S variant (SEQ ID NO: 14, prepared as described in Example 13), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276T variant (SEQ ID NO: 16, prepared as described in Example 14), *T. maritima* C277S (SEQ ID NO: 17), and *T. maritima* C277T (SEQ ID NO: 18). Analysis of cell extracts containing CE-7 esterase by SDS-PAGE gels in combination with analysis of the gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, was used to calculate the concentration of CE-7 esterase in 10 cell extracts as a percentage of total soluble protein. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described 15 immediately above using no added CE-7 esterase, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of triacetin by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction 20 conditions. Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 10).

Table 10. CE-7 perhydrolase variant-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from triacetin and hydrogen peroxide in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	triacetin (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	CE-7 esterase variant (µg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		10	20	0	3.1	8.0	2.6	4.1	4.0
<i>A. mirum</i> wild-type	4	10	20	0.5	8.1	11	19	34	46
<i>A. mirum</i> C276S	14	10	20	0.5	39	76	99	92	80
<i>A. mirum</i> C276T	16	10	20	0.5	26	60	96	118	115
<i>T. maritima</i> C277S	17	10	20	0.5	22	43	63	74	68
<i>T. maritima</i> C277T	18	10	20	0.5	29	58	96	131	132

EXAMPLE 18Production of Peracetic Acid from Triacetin and Hydrogen Peroxide5 by CE-7 Esterase Variants

Reactions (10 mL total volume) were run at 25 °C in sodium carbonate buffer (20 mM, pH 10.5) containing triacetin (0.75 mM), hydrogen peroxide (1.4 mM, from sodium percarbonate) and either 1.0 µg/mL or 2.0 µg/mL of CE-7 esterase from wild-type *Actinosynnema mirum* (SEQ ID NO: 4, prepared as 10 described in Example 1), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276S variant (SEQ ID NO: 14, prepared as described in Example 13), *Actinosynnema mirum* C276T variant (SEQ ID NO:16, prepared as described in Example 14), *T. maritima* C277S (SEQ ID NO: 17), and *T. maritima* C277T (SEQ ID NO: 18). Analysis of cell extracts containing CE-7 esterase by SDS-PAGE gels in combination with analysis of the 15 gels using ImageJ, a public domain Java image processing program, was used to calculate the concentration of CE-7 esterase in cell extracts as a percentage of total soluble protein. Reactions were stirred for only the first 45 seconds of reaction to initially mix the reactants and enzyme. A comparative control reaction was run under identical conditions to that described immediately above using no 20 added CE-7 esterase, where peracetic acid produced in the absence of added esterase was the result of chemical perhydrolysis of triacetin by hydrogen peroxide under the specified reaction conditions. Analysis of reaction samples for the production of peracetic acid followed the method described in Example 7 (Table 11).

Table 11. CE-7 perhydrolase variant-catalyzed production of peracetic acid (PAA) from triacetin and hydrogen peroxide in sodium carbonate buffer (20 mM, pH 10.5) at 25 °C.

CE-7 esterase source	SEQ ID NO	triacetin (mM)	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	CE-7 esterase variant (μg/mL)	PAA at 2 min (ppm)	PAA at 5 min (ppm)	PAA at 10 min (ppm)	PAA at 20 min (ppm)	PAA at 30 min (ppm)
control - no enzyme		0.75	1.4	0	1.3	2.7	4.7	7.7	9.7
<i>A. mirum</i> wild-type	4	0.75	1.4	1.0	2.0	3.6	5.4	6.8	7.5
<i>A. mirum</i> C276S	14	0.75	1.4	1.0	4.6	9.3	13.0	16.0	17.0
<i>A. mirum</i> C276T	16	0.75	1.4	1.0	5.3	11.1	17.1	21.1	23.1
<i>T. maritima</i> C277S	17	0.75	1.4	1.0	2.9	5.2	8.0	11.1	12.0
<i>T. maritima</i> C277T	18	0.75	1.4	1.0	3.4	6.2	9.5	13.2	14.5
<i>A. mirum</i> wild-type	4	0.75	1.4	2.0	2.1	3.8	5.2	6.3	6.5
<i>A. mirum</i> C276S	14	0.75	1.4	2.0	6.8	12.0	14.9	17.2	18.7
<i>A. mirum</i> C276T	16	0.75	1.4	2.0	8.6	16.0	20.7	24.4	26.1
<i>T. maritima</i> C277S	17	0.75	1.4	2.0	3.8	7.0	10.5	13.4	14.4
<i>T. maritima</i> C277T	18	0.75	1.4	2.0	4.7	8.4	12.8	16.5	17.9

What is claimed is:

1. A process for producing a peroxy carboxylic acid comprising:
 - (a) providing a set of reaction components comprising:
 - (1) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) one or more esters having the structure



wherein

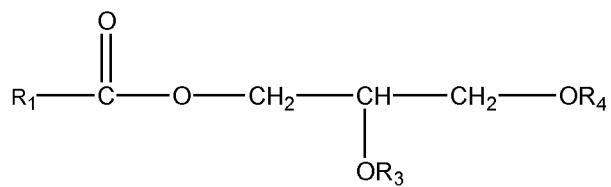
X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for $R_6 = C2$ to C7;

R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R_5 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages;

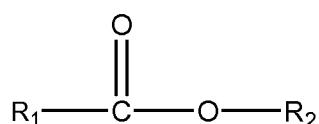
m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R_5 ; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

- (ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_3 and R_4 are individually H or $R_1C(O)$;

(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₂ = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, (CH₂CH₂O)_n, or (CH₂CH(CH₃)-O)_nH and n is 1 to 10;

- (iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and
- (v) any combination of (i) through (iv);

(2) a source of peroxygen; and

(3) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;

(b) combining the set of reaction components under suitable reaction conditions whereby peroxycarboxylic acid is produced; and

(c) optionally diluting the peroxycarboxylic acid produced in step (b).

2. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of: d) contacting a hard surface or inanimate object with the peroxy carboxylic acid produced in step (b) or step (c); whereby said hard surface or said inanimate object is disinfected, bleached, destained or a combination thereof.
3. The process of claim 1 wherein the inanimate object is a medical instrument.
4. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of: d) contacting an article of clothing or a textile with peroxy carboxylic acid produced in step (b) or step (c); whereby the article of clothing or textile receives a benefit.
5. The process of claim 4 wherein the benefit is selected from the group consisting of a disinfecting, sanitizing, bleaching, destaining, deodorizing, and combinations thereof.
6. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of: d) contacting wood pulp or paper pulp with peroxy carboxylic acid produced in step (b) or step (c); whereby the wood pulp or paper pulp is bleached.
7. The process of claim 1 wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of: monoacetin; diacetin; triacetin; monopropionin; dipropionin; tripropionin; monobutyryl; dibutyryl; tributyryl; glucose pentaacetate; β -D-galactose pentaacetate, sorbitol hexaacetate, sucrose octaacetate, xylose tetraacetate; acetylated xylan; acetylated xylan fragments; β -D-ribofuranose-1,2,3,5-tetraacetate; tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal; tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal; monoesters or diesters of 1,2-ethanediol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,2-pentanediol, 2,5-pentanediol, 1,6-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol, 2,5-hexanediol, 1,6-hexanediol; 4-acetoxybenzoic acid; and mixtures thereof.
8. The process of claim 7 wherein the substrate is triacetin.

9. The process of claim 1 wherein the peroxy carboxylic acid produced is peracetic acid, perpropionic acid, perbutyric acid, perlactic acid, perglycolic acid, permethoxyacetic acid, per- β -hydroxybutyric acid, or mixtures thereof.
10. The process of claim 1 wherein the enzyme catalyst is in the form of a microbial cell, a permeabilized microbial cell, a microbial cell extract, a partially purified enzyme, or a purified enzyme.
11. The process of claim 1 wherein the amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 14 or 16.
12. A composition comprising:
 - (a) a set of reaction components comprising:
 - (1) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) one or more esters having the structure



wherein

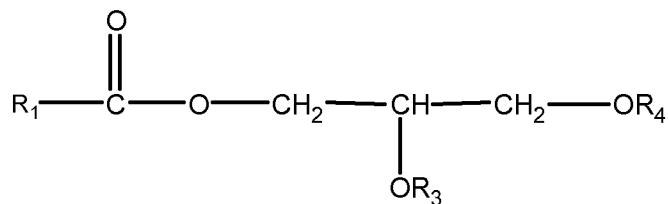
X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for $R_6 = C2$ to C7;

R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester

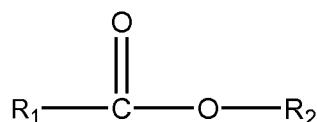
group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R₅ optionally comprises one or more ether linkages; m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R₅; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

(ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₃ and R₄ are individually H or R₁C(O);

(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R₁ = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R₂ = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, (CH₂CH₂O)_n, or (CH₂CH(CH₃)-O)_nH and n is 1 to 10;

(iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and

(v) any combination of (i) through (iv);

(2) a source of peroxygen; and

(3) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth

in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid; and

(b) at least one peroxycarboxylic acid formed upon combining the set of reaction components of (a).

13. A peracid generation and delivery system comprising:

(a) a first compartment comprising

(1) an enzyme catalyst comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;

(2) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:

(i) one or more esters having the structure



wherein

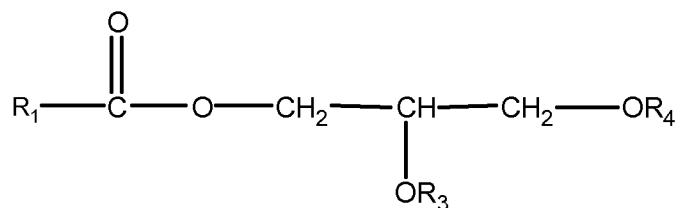
X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for $R_6 = C2$ to C7;

R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more

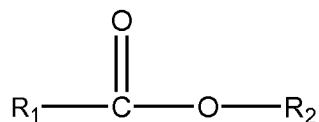
than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R_5 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages; m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R_5 ; and wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

(ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_3 and R_4 are individually H or $R_1\text{C}(\text{O})$;

(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_2 = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n$, or $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O})_n\text{H}$ and n is 1 to 10;

(iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and

(v) any combination of (i) through (iv); and

(3) an optional buffer; and

(b) a second compartment comprising

(1) source of peroxygen;

- (2) a peroxide stabilizer; and
- (3) an optional buffer.

14. The peracid generation and delivery system of claim 13 wherein the substrate comprises triacetin.

15. An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 or SEQ ID NO: 16;
- (b) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13 or SEQ ID NO: 15; and
- (c) a polynucleotide fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a) or (b).

16. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 15.

17. A recombinant DNA construct comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 15 operably-linked to a suitable regulatory sequence.

18. A recombinant host cell comprising the recombinant DNA construct of claim 17.

19. A method for expressing a polypeptide comprising transforming a host cell with the recombinant DNA construct of claim 17.

20. An isolated polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 or SEQ ID NO: 16.

21. A laundry care composition comprising

- a) a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity and an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue

bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid;

b) at least one substrate selected from the group consisting of:

(i) one or more esters having the structure



wherein

X = an ester group of the formula $R_6-C(O)O$;

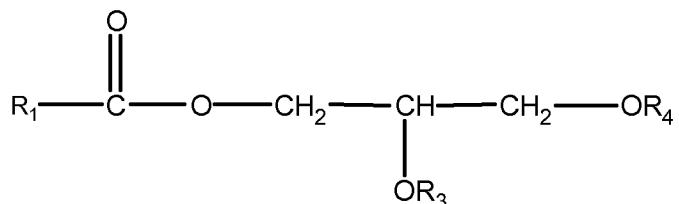
R_6 = a C1 to C7 linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety, optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups or C1 to C4 alkoxy groups, wherein R_6 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages for R_6 = C2 to C7;

R_5 = a C1 to C6 linear, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbyl moiety or a five-membered cyclic heteroaromatic moiety or six-membered cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with hydroxyl groups; wherein each carbon atom in R_5 individually comprises no more than one hydroxyl group or no more than one ester group or carboxylic acid group; wherein R_5 optionally comprises one or more ether linkages;

m = an integer ranging from 1 to the number of carbon atoms in R_5 ; and

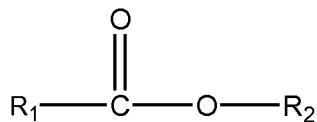
wherein said esters have solubility in water of at least 5 ppm at 25 °C;

(ii) one or more glycerides having the structure



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C21 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_3 and R_4 are individually H or $R_1C(O)$;

(iii) one or more esters of the formula:



wherein R_1 = a C1 to C7 straight chain or branched chain alkyl optionally substituted with an hydroxyl or a C1 to C4 alkoxy group and R_2 = a C1 to C10 straight chain or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, heteroaryl, $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n$, or $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{O})_n\text{H}$ and n is 1 to 10;

(iv) one or more acylated monosaccharides, acylated disaccharides, or acylated polysaccharides; and

(v) any combination of (i) through (iv); and

c) a source of peroxygen; and

d) at least one surfactant.

22. A personal care product comprising a polypeptide having perhydrolytic activity, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, provided that the amino acid residue bound to the C-terminal side of the catalytic histidine is not glutamic acid.

23. The personal care product of claim 22 wherein the product is a shampoo, a body lotion, a shower gel, a topical moisturizer, a toothpaste, a toothgel, a mouthwash, a mouthrinse, an anti-plaque rinse or a topical cleanser.

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SEQ ID NO: 8	-MIETMSLLEMMSYRGRHEVPKDFDHWFETCIKENQ -AASYQLDQKDFG -LDFEADCYEL	**	**
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SEQ ID NO: 6	QGWGHPTLTENCPDWDG - -SGAPGMTOQSLSD - PHIGHYRRLFTDAFRCLQQAAREMEL	**	**
SEQ ID NO: 8	QAG - -YSQDLGQFDG - -ITVKGQVIRGMTSGPEQLFYKDQVYQLIDIVSAFAR	**	**
SEQ ID NO:10	QGA -SASASSGVTGDPHGSEFGHAPGMLTRKGILD -PDEYYYRRVFTDAARAVDVAASLDI	**	**
SEQ ID NO:12	QAG - -QSQDKGHFDG - -ITVKGQIVRGMISGPNHLFYKDIYLDVFQLIDILATLES	**	**

FIG. 1A

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FIG. 1B

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