

Secondary alcohol reductase mediates the conversion of 2-propanol to acetone in the presence of NAD. One International Unit "IU" is defined as the amount of enzyme required to produce 1.0 μ mole of acetone or NADH in one minute. A 0.50 mL solution containing this enzyme ("original sample") is found to have a total protein concentration of 4.1 mg/L. When 0.25 mL of a 2-propanol solution and 0.25 mL of a NAD solution are mixed together with this sample and placed in a spectrophotometer, the absorbance of the solution increases by 0.47 Absorbance Units (AU) in 1 minute. The molar extinction coefficient of NADH is 6.22 AU·L/mmol. (23 pts)

- 1) What is the enzyme activity in the *original sample* (IU/mL)?
- 2) What is the specific enzyme activity in the *original sample*?
- 3) If the K_M of the particular enzyme is known to be 4 mM 2-propanol, what should be the 2-propanol concentration in the 0.25 mL solution prior to mixing the two solutions together? Explain.

A biologist places substrate (S) with 1.33 mg/L of purified enzyme having a molecular weight of 42,800 in several beakers of product-free water. Relatively quickly, samples are taken and analyzed for product (P) and the rate of product formation is calculated (dP/dt). The following table presents the results. (24 pts)

S (mmol/L)	dP/dt (mmol/Ls)
15	7.6
30	11.8
90	18.2

- 1) Assuming Michaelis-Menten kinetics applies, find the value of the Michaelis-Menten constant, K_M .
- 2) Find the value of V_{MAX} of this experiment.
- 3) If the enzyme has two active sites, find the value of k_{CAT} .
- 4) If 5 μ g of the same enzyme is added to 100 mL of water containing 7 mmoles of substrate, how much time is required before one-half of the substrate is consumed?