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# **Supplementary Information**

# Systematic re-evaluation of the bis(2-hydroxyethyl)disulfide (HEDS) assay reveals an alternative mechanism and activity of glutaredoxins

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**Figure S1.** Alternative evaluation of the steady-state kinetics obtained for ScGrx7 in the HEDS assay at three different HEDS and variable GSH concentrations. In both panels, direct and Lineweaver-Burk plots are shown in the upper and lower row, respectively. (A) The concentration of GSH plotted on the x-axis was adjusted assuming a conversion of different amounts of HEDS in reaction 1 before the assay was started by the addition of ScGrx7. [GSH]<sub>i</sub> and [HEDS]<sub>i</sub> indicate the initial concentrations before pre-incubation. Representative plots for a putative conversion of 0, 10, 50 or 75% HEDS are shown from left to right. (B) The concentration of GSH was calculated using equation 1 based on hypothetical equilibrium constants. Representative plots for  $K^{app}$  values of 100, 10, 0.1 or 0.01 are shown from left to right. Values for each data point in panels A and B were averaged from two independent experiments.



**Figure S2.** Comparison of the HEDS and GSSEtOH assay for PfGrx. (A) GSH-dependent steady-state kinetics for PfGrx at variable HEDS concentrations. (B) GSH-dependent steady-state kinetics for PfGrx at variable GSSEtOH concentrations. Data points were averaged from replicate measurements of a single protein purification and fitted according to Michaelis-Menten and Lineweaver-Burk theory in the left and right panels, respectively.

| [GSH]                                  | [GSSEtOH]  | $k_{cat}^{app}$  | K <sub>m</sub> <sup>app</sup>  | $k_{cat}^{app}/K_{m}^{app}$  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| (µM)                                   | (µM)   | (s <sup>-1</sup> )   | (μM)   | ( $\mu M^{-1}s^{-1}$ )   |
| variable                               | 25   | $\begin{array}{c} 4.7 \pm 0.1 \\ 10.2 \pm 0.2 \\ 19.4 \pm 0.3 \\ 28.0 \pm 0.5 \end{array}$ | $11.8 \pm 1.0^{a}$   | 0.40 <sup>a</sup>  |
| variable                               | 50   |  | 33.1 ± 4.9 <sup>a</sup>  | 0.31 <sup>a</sup>  |
| variable                               | 100  |  | 53.2 ± 4.6 <sup>a</sup>  | 0.37 <sup>a</sup>  |
| variable                               | 150  |  | 62.5 ± 5.1 <sup>a</sup>  | 0.45 <sup>a</sup>  |
| 50<br>100<br>200<br>300<br>500<br>1000 | variable<br>variable<br>variable<br>variable<br>variable<br>variable | $24.2 \pm 4.2 \\ 37.7 \pm 0.9 \\ 88.6 \pm 18 \\ 163 \pm 34 \\ 244 \pm 35 \\ 708 \pm 83$    | $136 \pm 40^{b}$ $196 \pm 7^{b}$ $467 \pm 120^{b}$ $853 \pm 221^{b}$ $1291 \pm 211^{b}$ $3687 \pm 466^{b}$ | 0.18 <sup>b</sup><br>0.19 <sup>b</sup><br>0.19 <sup>b</sup><br>0.19 <sup>b</sup><br>0.19 <sup>b</sup><br>0.19 <sup>b</sup> |

**Table S1.** Apparent kinetic parameters of ScGrx7 with GSH and GSSEtOH.

<sup>**a**</sup>  $K_{\rm m}^{\rm app}_{\rm (GSH)}$  and  $k_{\rm cat}^{\rm app}/K_{\rm m}^{\rm app}_{\rm (GSH)}$ <sup>**b**</sup>  $K_{\rm m}^{\rm app}_{\rm (GSSEtOH)}$  and  $k_{\rm cat}^{\rm app}/K_{\rm m}^{\rm app}_{\rm (GSSEtOH)}$