

Native Barley β -Amylase

Cat. No. NATE-0761

Lot. No. (See product label)

Introduction

Description

β -Amylase hydrolyzes the α -(1,4) glucan linkages in polysaccharides of three or more α -(1,4) linked D-glucose units. Natural substrates such as starch and glycogen are broken down into glucose and maltose. Pure, crystalline β -amylase preparation consists of four isoenzymes with different isoelectric points. The enzyme polymerizes very rapidly through the sulfhydryl groups in the absence of reducing agents. p-Chloromercuribenzoate inhibits the polymerization and the enzymatic activity. The reducing agents mercaptoethanol or dithiothreitol can completely restore the activity.

Applications

β -Amylase is used to hydrolyze α bonds of α -linked polysaccharides, such as starch and glycogen. β -Amylase, has been used in various plant studies, such as carbon starvation studies in *Populus tremuloides*. β -Amylase, from barley, has been used to study how pressure and temperature affect catalytic activity.

Synonyms

saccharogen amylase; glycogenase; β amylase, β -amylase; 1,4- α -D-glucan maltohydrolase; EC 3.2.1.2; 9000-91-3

Product Information

Source

Barley

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Activity

20-80 units/mg protein (biuret)

Unit Definition

One unit will liberate 1.0 mg of maltose from starch in 3 min at pH 4.8 at 20°C.

Storage and Shipping Information

Storage

2-8°C