

## **β-carotene 15,15'-dioxygenase**

Cat. No. EXWM-0583

Lot. No. (See product label)

## Introduction

**Description** Requires Fe2+. The enzyme cleaves β-carotene symmetrically, producing two

molecules of all-trans-retinal. Both atoms of the oxygen molecule are incorporated

into the products. The enzyme can also process  $\beta\text{-cryptox}$  anthin,  $8\text{'-apo-}\beta\text{-}$ 

carotenal, 4'-apo- $\beta$ -carotenal,  $\alpha$ -carotene and  $\gamma$ -carotene in decreasing order. The presence of at least one unsubstituted  $\beta$ -ionone ring in a substrate greater than C30 is mandatory. A prokaryotic enzyme has been reported from the uncultured marine bacterium 66A03, where it is involved in the proteorhodopsin system, which

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uses retinal as its chromophore.

**Synonyms** blh (gene name); BCDO (gene name); carotene dioxygenase;

carotene 15,15'-dioxygenase; BCMO1 (misleading); β-carotene 15,15'-

monooxygenase (incorrect)

## **Product Information**

**Form** Liquid or lyophilized powder

**EC Number** EC 1.13.11.63

**Reaction**  $\beta$ -carotene + O2 = 2 all-trans-retinal

**Notes** This item requires custom production and lead time is between 5-9 weeks. We can

custom produce according to your specifications.

## Storage and Shipping Information

Store it at +4 °C for short term. For long term storage, store it at -20 °C~-80 °C.

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