

Native *Bacillus polymyxa* Neutral Protease (Dispase)

Cat. No. NATE-0482

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Introduction

Description

Neutral protease (Dispase) is a non-mammalian animal origin free (AOF) metallo, neutral protease. Its mild proteolytic action makes the enzyme especially suitable for the preparation of primary cells and secondary (subcultivation) cell culture, since it is gentle on cell membranes. This protease is also used as a secondary enzyme in cell isolation and tissue dissociation applications, commonly used with collagenase.

Applications

Tissue disaggregation and subcultivation; Prevention of unwanted cell clumping; Preparation of cells for culture; Separation of intact epidermis from dermis and intact epithelial sheet in culture from the substratum (Kurt et al. 1989); Harvest and transfer of normal, diploid cells and cell lines (Matsumura et. al 1975); Gentle and intact detachment of epidermal cells (Kitano and Okada 1983).

Synonyms

Bacillolysin; EC 3.4.24.28; Bacillus metalloendopeptidase; Bacillus subtilis neutral proteinase; anilozyme P 10; Bacillus metalloproteinase; Bacillus neutral proteinase; megateriopeptidase; Neutral Protease (Dispase)

Product Information

Source

Bacillus polymyxa

Form

lyophilized powder

EC Number

EC 3.4.24.28

CAS No.

9001-92-7

Molecular Weight

32.5 kDa

Purity

Chromatographically purified

Activity

> 4 units per mg dry weight

Isoelectric point

5.14 (Theoretical)

Optimum pH

5.9-7.0 (Fogarty and Griffin 1973)

Composition

The enzyme is known to contain 1g-atom of zinc per g-mol of purified enzyme. If this zinc component is removed by chelating agents such as EDTA or EGTA, an inactive apoenzyme is obtained. Calcium has been detected in the purified protein and is believed to play a role in maintaining the structure and configuration, and preventing autolysis (Griffin and Fogarty 1973 and Alvarez 2006).

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Activators

Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, Mn²⁺, Fe²⁺, and Al³⁺ Manganese has a greater activating effect in the case of *Paenibacillus polymyxa* than other *Bacilli* neutral proteases (Griffin and Fogarty 1973).

Inhibitors

EDTA, EGTA, Hg²⁺; Other heavy metals (Griffin and Fogarty 1971); Not serum

Unit Definition

One Unit releases one micromole of Folin positive amino acids, measured as tyrosine, at 37°C, pH 7.5, using casein as the substrate.

Storage and Shipping Information**Storage**

Store at 2-8°C

Stability

Stable at 2-8°C for 12 months. Aliquot and Store at -20°C after reconstitution with water or commonly used balanced salt solutions or media.