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# $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{PRODUCT INFORMATION} \\ \textbf{Proteinase K} \ (\text{recombinant}), \ \textbf{PCR grade} \end{array}$

 #E00492
 5 x 1 mL

 Lot:
 Expiry Date:

Concentration: >600 U/mL (~20 mg/mL)

### Store at -20°C

In total 5 vials.

### Description

Proteinase K is an endolytic protease that cleaves peptide bonds at the carboxylic sides of aliphatic, aromatic or hydrophobic amino acids.

The Proteinase K is classified as a serine protease (1). The smallest peptide to be hydrolyzed by this enzyme is a tetrapeptide.

### Applications

- Isolation of genomic DNA from mouse tail.
- Isolation of genomic DNA from cultured cells.
- Removal of DNases and RNases when isolating DNA and RNA from tissues or cell lines (2, 3).
- Determination of enzyme localization (4).
- Improving cloning efficiency of PCR products (5).

### Source

*Pichia pastoris* cells with a cloned gene from *Tritirachium album*.

### **Molecular Weight**

28.9 kDa monomer (6).

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### **Definition of Activity Unit**

One unit of the enzyme liberates Folin-positive amino acids and peptides corresponding to 1  $\mu$ mol tyrosine in 1 min at 37°C using denatured hemoglobin as substrate. Enzyme activity is assayed in the following mixture: 0.08 M potassium phosphate (pH 7.5), 5 M urea, 4 mM NaCl, 3 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 16.7 mg/mL hemoglobin.

### **Storage Buffer**

The enzyme is supplied in: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), containing calcium acetate and 50% (v/v) glycerol.

### Inhibition

- Phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride and diisopropyl phosphorofluoridate completely inhibit the enzyme (1).
- Proteinase K is not inactivated by metal chelators, by thiol-reactive reagents or by specific trypsin and chymotrypsin inhibitors.

### Note

- The recommended working concentration for Proteinase K is 0.05-1 mg/mL. The activity of the enzyme is stimulated by 0.2-1% SDS or by 1-4 M urea (3).
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> protects Proteinase K against autolysis, increases the thermal stability and has a regulatory function for the substrate binding site of Proteinase K (7).
- Stable over a wide pH range: 4.0-12.5, optimum pH 7.5-8.0 (8).

## **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

### Endodeoxyribonuclease Assay

No conversion of covalently closed circular DNA to nicked DNA was detected after incubation of 40  $\mu$ g of Proteinase K with 1  $\mu$ g of pUC19 DNA for 4 hours at 37°C.

### **Ribonuclease Assay**

No detectable RNA degradation after incubation of 80 ng of 2 kb RNA transcript with 40  $\mu$ g of Proteinase K for 4 hours at 37°C.

### Labeled Oligonucleotide (LO) Assay

No degradation of single-stranded and double-stranded labeled oligonucleotide was observed after incubation with 40 µg of Proteinase K for 4 hours at 37°C.

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#### PRODUCT USE LIMITATION

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### **SAFETY INFORMATION**



### **Proteinase K**

**Xn** Harmful

Hazard-determining components of labeling: Proteinase, Tritirachium album serine

### **Risk phrases**

R42 May cause sensitization by inhalation.

### **Safety phrases**

- S23 Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapor/spray.
- Wear suitable protective clothing. S36
- In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek S45 medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
- This material and its container must be S60 disposed of as hazardous waste.