

# Proteinase K (Powder)

Cat # NB-03-0160 size: 100mg

# **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. The smallest peptide to be hydrolyzed by this enzyme is a tetrapeptide

## **Product Information**

| Source:              | Recombinant, from yeast cells with cloned gene encoding genetically engineered Engyodontium album (Tritirachium album) endolytic protease. |
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| Specific Activity:   | ≥30 U/mg protein   |
| Form:                | lyophilized powder   |
| Purity:              | >95%   |
| M.W.:                | 29.3 kDa monomer   |
| Purification:        | Affinity purification.   |
| Storage Instruction: | -20°C recommended. The shelf life of proteinase K lyophilized powder   |
|                      | is three years when stored sealed and dry below 4°C. Proteinase K<br>lyophilized powder is shipped at room temperature.                    |

# Application

- Isolation of genomic DNA from cultured cells and tissues
- Removal of DNases and RNases when isolating DNA and RNA from tissues or cell lines
- Determination of enzyme localization
- Improving cloning efficiency of PCR products

# **Quality Control**

| DNase Activity: | None detectable enzyme activity after 6 hrs incubation with $\lambda$ DNA at 37°C. |
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| RNase Activity: | None detectable ribonuclease activity after 16 hrs incubation with RNA at 25°C.    |

## **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, pH 7.5 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 CaCl2 and 16.7 mg/ml hemoglobin.

## **Preparation Instructions**



Stock solution can be prepared as 40-80mg/ml in dilution buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1 mM CaCl2] or [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1 mM CaCl2, 2% Glycerol], sterilized using 0.22 $\mu$ m filter and supplied at final concentration of 20-40mg/ml in 50% Glycerol. Store in aliquots at wide temperature range from 24°C to -80°C.

PES and PVDF membranes with low protein binding are recommended in sterile filtration.

#### **Inhibition and Inactivation**

Proteinase K is not inactivated by metal chelators, by thiol-reactive reagents or by specific trypsin and chymotrypsin inhibitors. Phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride and diisopropyl phosphorofluoridate completely inhibit the enzyme. Inactivated by heating at 95°C for 10 minutes.

#### Note

- Optimum activity at 50-55°C.
- Rapid denaturation of enzyme occurs at temperatures above 65°C.
- 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.
- Ca2+ protects Proteinase K against autolysis, increases the thermal stability and has a
- regulatory function for the substrate binding site of Proteinase K.
- Stable over a wide pH range: 4.0-12.5, optimum pH 7.5-8.0.