



## Product Information

### SIGMA QUALITY CONTROL TEST PROCEDURE

#### Enzymatic Assay of $\alpha$ -GLUCOSIDASE

(EC 3.2.1.20)

p-Nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-Glucoside as Substrate

Product Nos. G-5003, G-6136, G-7256, G-8889, G0660, and G-3651

#### PRINCIPLE:

p-Nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-Glucoside  $\xrightarrow{\alpha\text{-Glucosidase}}$   $\alpha$ -D-Glucose + p-Nitrophenol

**CONDITIONS:** T = 37°C, pH = 6.8, A<sub>400nm</sub>, Light path = 1 cm

**METHOD:** Spectrophotometric Stop Rate Determination

#### REAGENTS:

- A. 67 mM Potassium Phosphate Buffer, pH 6.8 at 37°C  
(Prepare 100 ml in deionized water using Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic, Anhydrous, Sigma Prod. No P-5379. Adjust to pH 6.8 at 37°C with 1 M NaOH. **PREPARE FRESH.**)
- B. 3 mM Glutathione, Reduced Solution (GSH)  
(Prepare 10 ml in deionized water using Glutathione, Free Acid, Reduced Form, Sigma Prod. No. G-4251. **PREPARE FRESH.**)
- C. 10 mM p-Nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-Glucoside Solution (PNP-Gluc)  
(Prepare 10 ml in deionized water using p-Nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranoside, Sigma Prod. No. N-1377.)
- D. 100 mM Sodium Carbonate Solution, (NaCarb)  
(Prepare 50 ml in deionized water using Sodium Carbonate, Anhydrous, Sigma Prod. No. S-2127.)
- E.  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase Enzyme Solution  
(Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 0.15 - 0.3 unit/ml of  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase in cold deionized water.)

**PROCEDURE:**

Pipette (in milliliters) the following reagents into suitable containers:

	<u>Test</u>	<u>Blank</u>
Deionized Water	-----	0.20
Reagent A (Buffer)	5.00	5.00
Reagent B (GSH)	0.20	0.20
Reagent E (Enzyme Solution)	0.20	-----

Mix by inversion and equilibrate to 37°C. Then add:

Reagent C (PNP-Gluc)	0.50	0.50
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Immediately mix by inversion and incubate for exactly 20 minutes at 37°C.

Pipette (in milliliters) the following reagents into suitable containers:

Test Solution	2.00	-----
Blank Solution	-----	2.00
Reagent D (NaCarb)	8.00	8.00

Mix by inversion and transfer the solutions to suitable cuvettes. Record the  $A_{400nm}$  for both the Test and Blank using a suitable spectrophotometer.

**CALCULATIONS:**

$$\text{Units/ml enzyme} = \frac{(A_{400nm} \text{ Test} - A_{400nm} \text{ Blank})(10)(5.9)(df)}{(18.3)(20)(2)(0.2)}$$

5.9 = Volume (in milliliters) of reaction mixture

df = Dilution factor

18.3 = Millimolar extinction coefficient of p-Nitrophenol at 400 nm

20 = Time (in minutes) of the assay

10 = Volume (in milliliters) of Colorimetric Determination

2 = Volume (in milliliters) of reaction mix used in the colorimetric determination

**CALCULATIONS:**

$$\text{Units/mg solid} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg solid/ml enzyme}}$$

$$\text{Units/mg protein} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg protein/ml enzyme}}$$

**UNIT DEFINITION:**

One unit will liberate 1.0  $\mu$ mole of D-glucose from p-nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucoside per minute at pH 6.8 at 37°C.

**FINAL ASSAY CONCENTRATIONS:**

In a 5.90 ml reaction mix, the final concentrations are 57 mM potassium phosphate, 0.1 mM glutathione, 0.85 mM p-nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucoside and 0.03 - 0.06 unit  $\alpha$ -glucosidase.

**NOTES:**

1. All product and stock numbers, unless otherwise indicated, are Sigma product and stock numbers.

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