

## Product Information

# Protease from *Bacillus licheniformis*

Type VIII, lyophilized powder

**P5380**

## Product Description

CAS Registry Number: 9014-01-1

Enzyme Commission (EC) Number: 3.4.21.62

Synonyms: Subtilisin A, Subtilisin Carlsberg, Subtilopeptidase A, Proteinase from *Bacillus licheniformis*Isoelectric point (pI):<sup>1</sup> 9.4E<sup>1%</sup> (280 nm):<sup>11</sup> 8.6

This proteolytic enzyme is isolated from *Bacillus licheniformis*.<sup>2</sup> Known by various names, such as Subtilisin A and Subtilisin Carlsberg, this protease is a serine endoproteinase with a broad specificity towards native and denatured proteins. It is active under alkaline conditions.<sup>3</sup> Subtilisin A is a single polypeptide chain of molecular mass of ~ 27 kDa. Several publications have elucidated the sequence of this enzyme.<sup>4-8</sup> The crystal structure of native Subtilisin Carlsberg has been reported.<sup>9</sup>

Studies on the use of Subtilisin A in non-aqueous, organic solvents have been published.<sup>10-11</sup> Several theses<sup>12</sup> and dissertations<sup>13-15</sup> have cited use of product P5380 in their research protocols.

## Reagent

Unit definition: One unit will hydrolyze casein to produce color equivalent to 1.0 μmole (181 μg) of tyrosine per minute at pH 7.5 at 37 °C (color by Folin-Ciocalteu reagent).

## Storage/Stability

This product should be stored in its lyophilized form at -20 °C.

This enzyme is reported to be stable for 1-2 days at 4 °C as a 100-200 mg/mL solution in 0.1 M borate (pH 8.0) buffer which contains 0.1 M CaCl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>1</sup> Stock solutions of this product may be frozen at -20 °C.<sup>16</sup>

## Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

## Preparation Instructions

The product is generally soluble in water at normal usage concentrations. Different publications report preparation of stock solutions of this product at various concentrations:

- 1.1 mg/mL in 10 mM Tris buffer (pH 8.0)<sup>17</sup>
- 100 mg/mL in DPBS (without added calcium or magnesium)<sup>18</sup>

## Optimal Conditions

**Effect of pH at constant temperature (T = 25 °C), for 10 minutes (activity remaining):<sup>19</sup>**

- pH 6 ≈ 70%
- pH 7 ≈ 80%
- pH 7.5-10 ≈ 95%
- pH 10.5 ≈ 90%
- pH 11 ≈ 70%
- pH 11.5 ≈ 0%

**Effect of temperature at constant pH (pH = 8.5), for 10 minutes (activity remaining):<sup>19</sup>**

- 30 °C ≈ 25%
- 40 °C ≈ 40%
- 50 °C ≈ 75%
- 55-60 °C ≈ 95+%
- 65 °C ≈ 80-85%
- 70 °C ≈ 15%

**Effect of temperature at constant pH (pH = 8.5), for 1 hour (activity remaining or relative stability):<sup>19</sup>**

- At 50 °C: > 95% activity remaining after 60 minutes
- At 55 °C: ≈ 90% after 60 minutes
- At 60 °C: ≈ 80% after 60 minutes
- At 65 °C: ≈ 75% after 10 minutes, ≈ 50% after 20 minutes, ≈ 20% after 60 minutes
- At 70 °C: ≈ 50% after 5 minutes, ≈ 25% after 10 minutes, ≈ 0% after 35 minutes

**Effect of pH at constant temperature (T = 25 °C) for 24 hours (activity remaining or relative stability):<sup>19</sup>**

- pH 5: ≈ 20%
- pH 6: ≈ 50%
- pH 7: ≈ 75%
- pH 8-10: ≈ 90%
- pH 11: ≈ 45%
- pH 11.5: ≈ 0%

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