**Product Description**

Collagenase is a protease consisting of a single polypeptide chain approximately 1,000 amino acid residues in length. Collagenase is capable of digesting native collagen fibrils commonly found in connective tissues and therefore is frequently used for tissue dissociation. Collagenase preparations contain the activity of several proteases, including collagenase, caseinase, clostripain, and trypsin (Kessler & Yaron). Collagenase Type IV contains low levels of tryptic activity and is frequently used for the dissociation of pancreatic islets (Taguchi et al.) and for applications where maintenance of receptor integrity is required.

**Product Information**

- **Alternative Names:** Clostridium histolyticum collagenase; Collagenase 4; Collagenase Type 4; Collagenase IV
- **Format:** Lyophilized powder
- **Storage:** Store at 2 - 8°C.
- **Stability:** Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.
- **Reconstitution:** Dissociation reagents can be reconstituted in a balanced salt solution or buffer of choice.
- **Molecular Weight:** 68 - 130 kDa
- **CAS Number:** 9001-12-1
- **Optimum pH:** 6.3 - 8.5
- **Cleavage Site:** \(-\text{Pro-X}^\dagger -\text{Gly-Pro-Y}^-\) : X = neutral  Y = nonspecific

**Specifications**

- **Source:** Clostridium histolyticum
- **Activity:** Collagenase: ≥ 160 CDU/mg dry weight (mgdw); Caseinase: ≥ 100 u/mgdw; Clostripain: ≤ 3.0 u/mgdw; Trypsin: ≤ 0.1 u/mgdw. See Notes for further information.
Dissociation Reagents

Collagenase Type IV

Related Products

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Notes

ACTIVITY UNITS
Collagenase: 1 collagenase digestion unit (CDU) equals 1 µmol of L-leucine equivalents released from collagen in 5 hours at 37°C, pH 7.5.
Caseinase: 1 unit equals 1 µmol of L-leucine equivalents released from 25 mg vitamin-free casein in 5 hours at 37°C, pH 7.5. Measures non-specific proteolytic activity.
Clostripain: 1 unit hydrolyzes 1 µmol of Nα-benzoyl-L-arginine ethyl ester (BAEE)/minute at 25°C at pH 7.6, after activation in 2.5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT).
Trypsin: 1 unit hydrolyzes 1 µmol of BAEE/minute at 25°C at pH 7.6.

References