

## Proteinase K

Proteinase K from the fungus *Tritirachium album* is a nonspecific serine protease that is useful for general digestion of proteins. Removal of endogenous nucleases during the preparation of DNA and RNA; preparation of tissue sections for *in situ* hybridization.

### Technical Data

Appearance	White amorphous lyophilized powder
Protein purity	≥95%
Specific activity	≥30 U/mg Protein
Deoxyribonuclease activity	No activity of deoxyribonuclease was detected
Ribonuclease activity	No activity of Ribonuclease was detected

### Enzymatic Properties

Source	<i>Tritirachium album</i>	
Classification	EC 3.4.21.64	
Molecular weight	29 kDa (SDS-PAGE)	
Isoelectric point	7.81	
Optimal pH	7.0-12.0 Both have high activity	Char1
Optimum temperature	65 °C	Chart2
pH stability	pH 4.5-12.5 (25 °C, 16 h)	Chart3
Thermal stability	Stable below 50 °C (pH 8.0, 30 min)	Chart4
Activator	SDS, Urea	
Inhibitor	Diisopropylfluorophosphate (DFIP), Benzenesulfonyl fluoride (PMSF)	
Storage conditions	Dry powder can be stored at - 20 °C for a long time; After dissolving, it should be packed into proper volume, stored at 2-8 °C for a short time, and stored at - 20 °C for a long time.	

### Use:

The virus consists of a protein shell and an internal nucleic acid. To amplify the nucleic acid by PCR, the shell protein must be destroyed first. The role of protease K is to break down the protein shell of the virus, releasing nucleic acid for easy detection.

1. Gene diagnosis kit; 2. RNA and DNA Extraction Kit; 3. Extract non protein components from tissues and degrade protein impurities. For example, the preparation of DNA vaccine and heparin; 4.

Preparation of chromosome DNA by pulse electrophoresis; 5. Western blotting; 6. R&D and mass production of enzyme based glycosylated albumin reagents for in vitro diagnosis.

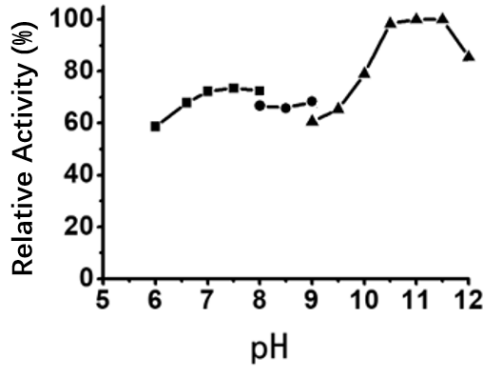


Chart 1 Optimal pH

100 mM buffer solution: pH 6.0-8.0, Na-phosphate; pH 8.0-9.0, Tris-HCl; pH 9.0-12.5, Glycine-NaOH.  
Enzyme concentration: 1 mg/mL.

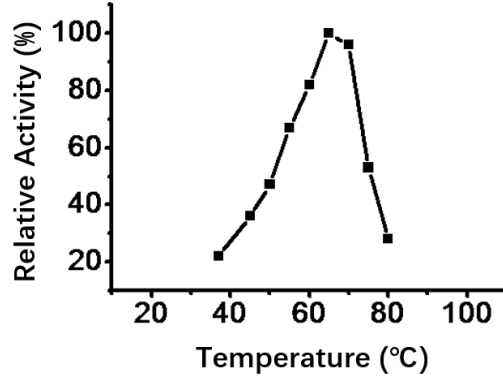


Chart 2 Optimum temperature

Reaction in 20 mM K-phosphate buffer pH 8.0.  
Enzyme concentration: 1 mg/mL.

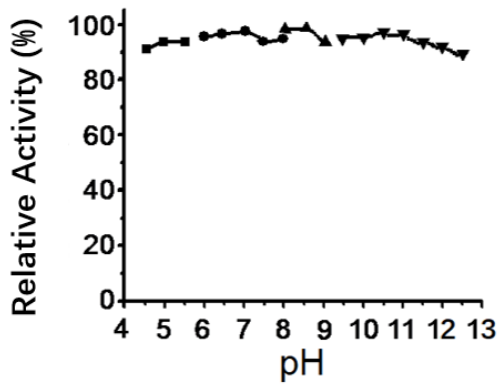


Chart 3 pH stability

25 °C 16 h-treatment with 50 mM buffer solution: pH 4.5-5.5, Acetate; pH 6.0-8.0, Na-phosphate; pH 8.0-9.0, Tris-HCl; pH 9.5-12.5, Glycine-NaOH.  
Enzyme concentration: 1 mg/mL.

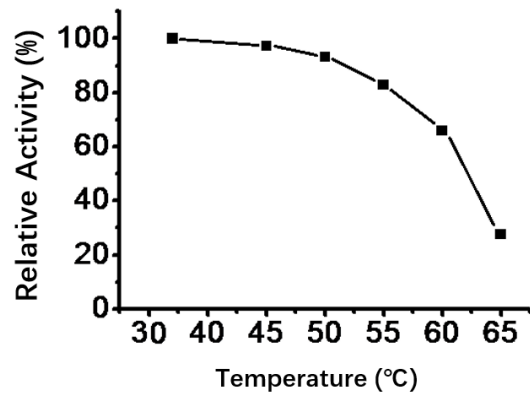


Chart 4 Thermal stability

30 min-treatment with 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.0.  
Enzyme concentration: 1 mg/mL.

### Activity determination method

### Enzyme activity definition

Unit enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme required to hydrolyze casein to produce 1 μ mol tyrosine per minute under the following conditions.

## Reagent preparation

Reagent I: Substrate: 1% milk casein solution. 1g of milk casein was dissolved in 50 ml of 0.1 M sodium phosphate solution, pH 8.0, incubated in 65-70 °C water for 15 min, stirred and dissolved, cooled by tap water, adjusted pH 8.0 by sodium hydroxide, and fixed volume of 100 ml.

Reagent II: TCA Solution: 0.1 M Trichloroacetic acid, 0.2 M Sodium acetate, 0.3 M Acetic acid, HCl regulates pH 4.03 and constant volume 100ml.

Reagent III: 0.4 M Sodium carbonate solution

Reagent IV: Folin reagent: Dilute with water 5 times.

Reagent V: Enzyme diluent: 0.1 M Sodium phosphate solution, pH 8.0.

Reagent VI: Tyrosine solution: 1 µg/ml Tyrosine, 0.2 M HCl Solution.

## Operation steps

1. 0.5 ml of reagent I was incubated at 37 °C for 10 min, added with 0.5 ml of enzyme solution, mixed well, and reacted at 37 °C for 10 min;
2. Add 1 ml of reagent II to stop the reaction, mix well, and continue incubation for 30 min;
3. Centrifugal reaction liquid;
4. Take 0.5 ml supernatant, add 2.5 ml reagent III and 0.5 ml reagent IV, mix well and incubate at 37 °C for 30 min;
5. 660 nm OD<sub>1</sub>; blank control group: 0.5 ml reagent V instead of enzyme solution, determination of OD<sub>2</sub>;
6. 0.5 ml of reagent VI, 2.5 ml of reagent III and 0.5 ml of reagent IV were mixed and incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. OD<sub>3</sub> was measured at 660 nm; in the blank control group, 0.5 ml 0.2 M HCl was used instead of reagent VI, and the measured value was OD<sub>4</sub>.

## Activity Calculation

$$\text{Volume activity (U/ml)} = \frac{(\text{OD}_1 - \text{OD}_2) \times \text{df} \times 2}{(\text{OD}_3 - \text{OD}_4) \times 10 \times 181.2 \times 0.5}$$

$$\text{Weight activity (U/mg)} = \text{Volume activity} \times 1/C$$

2: Total volume of reaction liquid (mL) ;

0.5: Enzyme volume (mL) ;

10: Reaction time (min) ;

*df*: Dilution ratio;

181.2: Molecular weight of tyrosine;

*C*: Enzyme concentration ( mg/mL)。