

α -AMYLASE from *BACILLUS MEGATERIUM* expressed in *BACILLUS SUBTILIS*

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SYNONYMS

Glycogenase

SOURCES

Produced by the controlled fermentation of *Bacillus subtilis* containing the gene for alpha-amylase from *Bacillus megaterium*. The strain of *Bacillus subtilis* is non-pathogenic and non-toxicogenic (for example ATCC 39,701). When fermentation is complete, the broth is clarified by centrifugation or filtration. The clarified broth containing the soluble enzyme is ultrafiltered to produce the desired activity.

Active principles

alpha-Amylase

Systematic names and numbers

1,4-alpha-D-Glucan glucanohydrolase (EC 3.2.1.1)

Reactions catalysed

Endohydrolysis of 1,4-alpha-D-glucosidic linkages in polysaccharides, containing three or more 1,4-alpha-linked D-glucose units

Secondary enzyme activities

Glycosyl transferase, protease

DESCRIPTION

Typically tan to dark brown liquid containing the active enzyme

FUNCTIONAL USES

Enzyme preparation
Used in starch hydrolysis

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Must conform to the General Specifications for Enzyme Preparations Used in Food Processing (See Volume Introduction)

CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

alpha-Amylase activity
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The sample shows bacterial alpha-amylase activity