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Product Information

Alcohol Oxidase

from Pichia pastoris

Catalog Number **A2404** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN 9073-63-6

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Synonym: Alcohol:oxygen oxidoreductase

Product Description

Alcohol oxidase catalyzes the oxidation of short-chain, primary, aliphatic alcohols to the respective aldehydes.

$$RCH_2OH + O_2 \rightarrow RCHO + H_2O_2$$

The enzyme has the highest affinity for methanol with the affinity decreasing with increasing chain length of the alkyl (R) group.

Alcohol oxidase plays a major role in the metabolism of methanol resulting in the formation of formaldehyde and has been detected in several genera of yeasts, such as *Candida*, *Pichia*, and *Hansenula*, that utilize methanol as a sole carbon and energy source.^{1,2}

Primarily localized in the peroxisome, alcohol oxidase has also been found in the cytoplasm. Monomers are synthesized in the cytosol and assembled into octomers in the peroxisome. Octomerization is thought to be chaparone mediated.³ Alcohol oxidase is of interest for the study of protein translocation into peroxisomes.⁴

K_M (mM):⁵

Methanol 1.4 (O₂ concentration 0.19 mM) 3.1 (O₂ concentration 0.93 mM)

Ethanol 1.0

Substrates (relative reaction rate):^{2,5}

Methanol 1.0 Propargyl alcohol 0.90 Ethanol 0.82 Propanol-2-ene 0.81 *n*-Butanol 0.67 2-Chloroethanol 0.66 n-Propanol 0.43 2-Methoxyethanol 0.40 2-Cyanoethanol 0.30 Isobutanol 0.21 also formaldehyde⁵

Molecular mass:4 675 kDa (octomer, gel filtration)

Alcohol oxidase is a homooctomeric flavoprotein with eight equal 80 kDa subunits; each containing a flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD) molecule.⁵

Cofactor:5 FAD, one molecule/subunit

pH Range:5 6.5-8.3

pH Optimum:⁵ 7.5

Temperature range:⁵ 18–45 °C

Temperature optimum:5 37 °C

Inhibitor: 5 H₂O₂

This product (A2404) is purified from *Pichia pastoris* and is supplied in a phosphate-buffered 30% sucrose solution.

Specific activity: 10-40 units/mg protein

Unit definition: One unit will oxidize 1.0 $\mu mole$ of methanol to formaldehyde per minute at pH 7.5 at 25 $^{\circ}C.$

Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is 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

Alcohol oxidase is soluble in cold 100 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.5, at 25 °C. Solutions should be prepared just before use.

Storage/Stability

The product ships on dry ice and storage at -20 °C is recommended. It remains active for at least 2 years when stored at -20 °C.

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