



## SIGMA QUALITY CONTROL TEST PROCEDURE

## Product Information

### Enzymatic Assay of LYSOZYME<sup>1</sup> (EC 3.2.1.17)

#### PRINCIPLE:

Micrococcus lysodeikticus Cells (Intact)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Lysozyme}}$  Micrococcus lysodeikticus Cells (Lysed)

**CONDITIONS:** T = 25°C, pH = 6.24, A<sub>450nm</sub>, Light path = 1 cm

**METHOD:** Turbidimetric Rate Determination

#### REAGENTS:

- A. 66 mM Potassium Phosphate Buffer, pH 6.24 at 25°C  
(Prepare 100 ml in deionized water using Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic, Anhydrous, Sigma Prod. No. P-5379. Adjust to pH 6.24 at 25°C with 1 M KOH.)
- B. 0.015% (w/v) Micrococcus lysodeikticus Cell Suspension (Substrate)  
(Prepare 25 ml in Reagent A using Micrococcus lysodeikticus, ATCC 4698 lyophilized cells, Sigma Prod. No. M-3770. The A<sub>450nm</sub> of this suspension should be between 0.6 and 0.7.)
- C. Lysozyme Enzyme Solution  
(Immediately before use, prepare a solution containing 200 - 400 units/ml of lysozyme in cold Reagent A.)

#### PROCEDURE:

Pipette (in milliliters) the following reagents into suitable cuvettes:

	<u>Test</u>	<u>Blank</u>
Reagent B (Substrate)	2.50	2.50

Equilibrate to 25°C. Monitor the A<sub>450nm</sub> until constant, using a suitably thermostatted spectrophotometer. Then add:

Reagent C (Enzyme Solution)	0.10	-----
Reagent A (Buffer)	-----	0.10

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### PROCEDURE: (continued)

Immediately mix by inversion and record the decrease in  $A_{450\text{nm}}$  for approximately 5 minutes.  
Obtain the  $\Delta A_{450\text{nm}}$ /minute using the maximum linear rate for both the Test and Blank.

### CALCULATIONS:

$$\text{Units/ml enzyme} = \frac{(\Delta A_{450\text{nm}}/\text{min Test} - \Delta A_{450\text{nm}}/\text{min Blank})(\text{df})}{(0.001)(0.1)}$$

df = Dilution factor

0.001 = Change in absorbance at  $A_{450\text{nm}}$  as per the Unit Definition

0.1 = Volume (in milliliter) of enzyme used

$$\text{Units/mg solid} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg solid/ml enzyme}}$$

$$\text{Units/mg protein} = \frac{\text{units/ml enzyme}}{\text{mg protein/ml enzyme}}$$

### UNIT DEFINITION:

One unit will produce a  $\Delta A_{450\text{nm}}$  of 0.001 per minute at pH 6.24 at 25°C using a suspension of *Micrococcus lysodeikticus* as substrate, in a 2.6 ml reaction mixture.

### FINAL ASSAY CONCENTRATION:

In a 2.60 ml reaction mix, the final concentrations are 66 mM potassium phosphate, 0.014% (w/v) *Micrococcus lysodeikticus* cell suspension and 20 - 40 units lysozyme.

### REFERENCE:

Shugar, D. (1952) *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* **8**, 302-309

### NOTES:

1. This assay procedure is not to be used to assay Lysozyme, Bovine Recombinant Expressed in *Pichia pastoris*, Sigma Prod. No. L-9772, Lysozyme, Human, Recombinant Expressed in *Pichia pastoris*, Sigma Prod. No. L-2026, and Lysozyme Insoluble Enzyme on Agarose, Sigma Prod. No. L-1129.

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**NOTES:** (continued)

2. This assay is based on the cited reference.
3. Where Sigma Product or Stock numbers are specified, equivalent reagents may be substituted.

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