

# PAPAIN from Carica papaya (Lot 200101)

Non-recombinant

E-PAPN-10ML 04/20

EC: 3.4.22.2 CAS: 9001-73-4

## **PROPERTIES**

#### I. PURITY:

- Highly purified by chromatography.
- Single major band on SDS-PAGE (MW = 23,000 Da); minor bands at MW ~ 21,000 and 17,000.
- Single major band on isoelectric focusing (pl 8.8); minor band at pl 9.3.

# 2. SPECIFIC ACTIVITY:

 $\sim$  9 tyrosine-equivalent Units/mg on *N*,*N*-dimethylcasein. (this compares to a value of 7.7 U/mg on *N*, *N*-dimethylcasein for Sigma crystalline papain P-3125-50 MG; reported as > 16 U/mg on BAEE substrate).

One Unit of activity is the amount of enzyme that will produce one µmole (181 µg) of tyrosine equivalents from N, N-dimethylcasein per minute at pH 7.0 and 40°C (colour determined using the Folin-Ciocalteu reagent). Routine assays were performed with Azo-Casein (Megazyme cat. no. S-AZCAS) in sodium phosphate buffer (100 mM, pH 7).

## 3. SPECIFICITY:

Devoid of  $\alpha$ -amylase,  $\beta$ -glucanase (cellulase), endo-1,4- $\beta$ -xylanase and polygalacturonanase (determined by incubating high levels of the enzyme with pure polysaccharides in highly sensitive viscometric assays).

## 4. PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

pH Optima: 6.0-7.0 pH Stability: 5.0-8.0 Temperature Optima: 65°C Temperature Stability: < 60°C

#### 5. STORAGE CONDITIONS:

The enzyme is supplied as an ammonium sulphate solution stabilised with 0.02% w/v sodium azide and should be stored at  $4^{\circ}$ C.

Stable at 4°C for ~ 4 years.

The concentration of enzyme as supplied is 30 mg/mL (i.e. 275 U/mL) at 40°C.

This enzyme is recommended for use in all applications requiring pure papain.