

Endoneuraminidase-N (Endo-N)

Type : Enzyme

Size : 50 μ l

Cat.N : AbC0020

Description : Endo-N is an endosialidase which degrades rapidly and specifically linear polymers of sialic acid with α -2,8-linkage with a minimum length of 7-9 residues (Ref 1) characteristic of sialic acid residues associated with NCAM (Ref 2).

Source : phage K1

Concentration : 200 μ g/ml

Activity : 3500 U/mg

Unit Definition : One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme which removes all PSA from 10×10^6 AtT20 cultured cells in 4h at 37°C.

Product : Purified according to Ref 3. delivered in phosphate buffer diluted 1:2 in glycerol.

Features : The enzyme is stable at 37°C in culture medium ; no proteolytic activity detected on the NCAM molecule at the end of treatment. Dilution recommended for culture cells : 1 : 10 000 in cultured medium for 12 h at 37°C.

Applications : Cleavage of PSA on NCAM in physiological conditions. The preparation is not toxic and can be used on live cultured cells (3, 4) , tissue slices (5) or for *in vivo* injections (6).

Storage : Store at -20°C between uses. Stable for at least 3 months

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