

# D-Alanine aminotransferase (EC 2.6.1.21), *Bacillus subtilis*

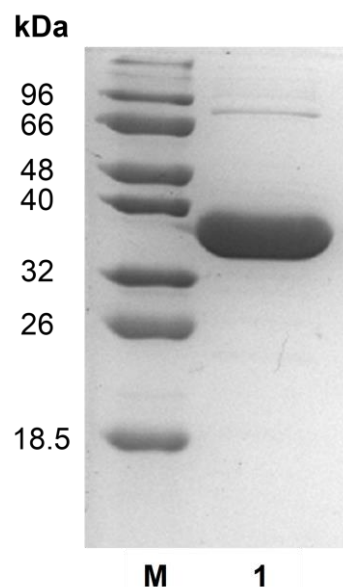
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| AE00141          | 2500 U (1.75 mL) |

## Description

D-Alanine aminotransferase (EC 2.6.1.21) is purified from a recombinant *E. coli* strain. Alanine aminotransferase, formerly known as L-glutamic-pyruvic transaminase, is a pyridoxal phosphate-dependent enzyme present in serum and in various bodily tissues, mainly in the liver. This enzyme catalyses the transfer of an amino group from alanine to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, thus forming pyruvate and glutamate. Alanine aminotransferase is commonly used as a way of screening for liver problems. In fact, its levels significantly elevated often suggest the existence of viral hepatitis, liver damage or bile duct problems. Following damage to these cells, the enzyme is released into the blood where the level can be measured. The enzyme is provided in 3.2 M ammonium sulphate. Swirl the enzyme suspension immediately prior to use.

## Purity

Alanine aminotransferase has been determined to be >95% pure, according to SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) followed by Coomassie Blue staining (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** SDS-PAGE analysis of *B. subtilis* D-alanine aminotransferase. Electrophoresis was performed using a 12% polyacrylamide gel. Lane M, molecular weight marker; Lane 1, purified D-Alanine aminotransferase (33 kDa).

## Storage temperature

D-Alanine aminotransferase should be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C.

## Temperature and pH optimum

The optimum pH and temperature are 7.5 and 25 °C, respectively.

## Activity

1440 U/ml

## Unit Definition

One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to produce 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  of  $\text{NAD}^+$  from NADH in a reaction mixture containing 45 mM Potassium phosphate, pH 7.5, 980 mM D-Alanine, 12.4 mM  $\alpha$ -ketoglutaric acid, 0.21 mM NADH and 6 U/ml of L-lactate dehydrogenase, at 25 °C.

## Substrate specificity

Under the reaction conditions specified the enzyme does not present any other detectable enzymatic activities.

## References

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