



PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS



COLLAGENASE

Tissue Dissociation/Cell Isolation

Crude collagenase preparations contain several isoforms of two different collagenases, a sulfhydryl protease, clostripain, a trypsin-like enzyme, and an aminopeptidase. This combination of collagenolytic and proteolytic activities is effective at breaking down intercellular matrices, the essential part of tissue dissociation. One component of the complex is a hydrolytic enzyme that degrades the helical regions in native collagen preferentially at the Y-Gly bond in the sequence Pro-Y-Gly-Pro, where Y is most frequently a neutral amino acid. This cleavage yields products susceptible to further peptidase digestion. Crude collagenase is inhibited by metal chelating agents such as cysteine, EDTA or o-phenanthroline but not DFP. It is also inhibited by alpha-2-macroglobulin, a large plasma glycoprotein. Ca2+ is required for enzyme activity. Particular enzymatic profiles of each collagenase have been correlated with the tissues from which the cells for study were obtained (or with the uses to which the cells are put). As a result of the correlations, several types of crude collagenases have been established by Worthington: Types 1, 2, 3, and 4.

- **Type 1** crude collagenase has the original balance of collagenase, caseinase, clostripain and tryptic activities.
- **Type 2** contains higher relative levels of protease activity, particularly clostripain.
- **Type 3** contains lowest levels of secondary proteases.
- **Type 4** is designed to be especially low in tryptic activity to limit damage to membrane proteins and receptors.
- Purified collagenase, Code: CLSPA, contains minimal secondary proteolytic activities along with high collagenase activity.

NEW! Animal Origin Free Types AFA, AFB, AFC, STZ1 and STZ2 collagenases are derived from cultures grown in medium completely devoid of animal based components and designed for bioprocessing applications where introduction of potential animal derived pathogens must be prevented. Levels of secondary proteases are similar to Types 1 and 2 collagenase.

- **CLSAFA** is the original AFA grade designed to have collagenase and secondary proteases similar to Types 1 and 2 collagenase.
- **CLSAFB** contains higher collagenase and caseinase activities than CLSAFA.
- **CLSAFC** has especially low tryptic activity similar to Type 4 collagenase.
- **STZ1 & STZ2**, 0.22µ filtered *STEMxyme*™ AOF Collagenase/Neutral Proteas (Dispase®) blends for primary and stem cell isolation.

Worthington also offers 0.22µm filtered collagenase preparations of each type in pre-packaged form for direct reconstitution and use in cell isolation and culture procedures. Correlations between enzyme type and effectiveness with different tissues have been good, but not perfect, due in part to the variable parameters of use. Nevertheless most researchers consider the tissue-typing of crude collagenase lots to be a valuable service. A detailed description of the Worthington collagenase and contaminant assays can be found in the **Worthington Enzyme Manual**. In addition tissue specific references and detailed isolation conditions can be found in the **Worthington Tissue Dissociation Guide**. Please request your copy or go to **Worthington-Biochem.com** or **TissueDissociation.com**.

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Description	Activity	Code	Cat. No.	Size	Price
Collagenase, Purified Chromatographically purified. \leq 50 caseinase units per milligram. Supplied as a lyophilized powder. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 500 units per mg dry weight	CLSPA	LS005275 LS005273 LS005277	4 ku 10 ku Bulk	
Collagenase Vial, NCIS A component of the NCIS kit. This material is 0.22 micron membrane filtered and lyophilized in autoclaved vials. A vial reconstituted with 5 ml of HBSS or equivalent yields a solution of 300 units/ml of collagenase, Code: CLSPA. Suitable for cell isolation and culture applications. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 500 units per mg dry weight	CLSPANK	LK003240 LK003245	1 vi 5 vi	
Collagenase, Type 1 The original balance of enzymatic activities. Each lot assayed for collagenase, caseinase, clostripain and tryptic activities. Suggested for epithelial, liver, lung and adrenal primary cell isolations. A dialyzed, lyophilized powder. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 125 units per mg dry weight	CLS-1	LS004194 LS004196 LS004197 LS004200	100 mg 1 gm 5 gm Bulk	
Collagenase, Type 2 Prepared to contain higher clostripain activity. Suggested for bone, heart, liver, thyroid and salivary primary cell isolation. Supplied as a dialyzed, lyophilized powder. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 125 units per mg dry weight	CLS-2	LS004174 LS004176 LS004177 LS004179	100 mg 1 gm 5 gm Bulk	
Collagenase, Type 3 Lower in secondary proteolytic contaminant activities but with typical collagenase activity. Suggested for mammary primary cell isolation. A dialyzed, lyophilized powder. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 100 units per mg dry weight	CLS-3	LS004180 LS004182 LS004183 LS004185	100 mg 1 gm 5 gm Bulk	
Collagenase, Type 4 Prepared to contain lower tryptic activity levels to limit damage to membrane proteins and receptors but with normal to above normal collagenase activity. Suggested for pancreatic islet primary isolation. A dialyzed, lyophilized powder. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 160 units per mg dry weight	CLS-4	LS004186 LS004188 LS004189 LS004191	100 mg 1 gm 5 gm Bulk	
Collagenase, Type 1, Filtered Collagenase, Type 1 (Code:CLS-1), which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 125 units per mg dry weight	CLSS-1	LS004214 LS004216 LS004217	50 mg 5 x 50 mg 1 gm	
Collagenase, Type 2, Filtered Collagenase, Type 2 (Code:CLS-2), which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 125 units per mg dry weight	CLSS-2	LS004202 LS004204 LS004205	50 mg 5 x 50 mg 1 gm	
Collagenase, Type 3, Filtered Collagenase, Type 3 (Code:CLS-3), which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials to contain \geq 50 milligrams per vial. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 100 units per mg dry weight	CLSS-3	LS004206 LS004208	50 mg 5 x 50 mg	
Collagenase, Type 4, Filtered Collagenase, Type 4 (Code:CLS-4), which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	\geq 160 units per mg dry weight	CLSS-4	LS004210 LS004212 LS004209	50 mg 5 x 50 mg 1 gm	
Collagenase/Elastase Vial, HIS Kit Worthington collagenase (Code:CLS-1) and elastase (Code:ESL), filtered through 0.22 μ m pore size membrane, and lyophilized. A component of the HIS kit also contains 30 u/vial elastase. Store unreconstituted vials at 2-8°C.	\geq 20,000 units	CLSH	LK002066 LK002067	1 vi 5 vi	

NEW! Animal Origin Free Collagenases



Description	Activity	Code	Cat. No.	Size	Price
STEMxyme™1, Collagenase/ Neutral Protease, 0.22 Filtered A specialized combination of Animal Origin-Free <i>Clostridium histolyticum</i> collagenase and Animal Origin-Free <i>Bacillus polymyxa</i> neutral protease with a minimum of 250 CLS units and 1,000 caseinase units per mg dry weight. Designed for stem cell and other primary cell isolations and bioprocessing applications where introduction of potential animal derived pathogens must be prevented. Store at 2-8°C.	≥250 collagenase units per mg dry weight ≥1,000 caseinase units per mg dry weight	STZ1	LS004106	50 mg	
			LS004107	5 x 50 mg	
STEMxyme™2, Collagenase/ Neutral Protease, 0.22 Filtered A specialized combination of Animal Origin-Free <i>Clostridium histolyticum</i> collagenase and Animal Origin-Free <i>Bacillus polymyxa</i> neutral protease with a minimum of 250 CLS units and 2,000 caseinase units per mg dry weight. Designed for stem cell and other primary cell isolations and bioprocessing applications where introduction of potential animal derived pathogens must be prevented. Store at 2-8°C.	≥250 collagenase units per mg dry weight ≥2,000 caseinase units per mg dry weight	STZ2	LS004112	50 mg	
			LS004113	5 x 50 mg	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type A Collagenase derived from cultures grown in animal-free medium. Suitable for applications needing to avoid introduction of potential animal derived pathogens into bioprocessing procedures. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 150 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFA	LS004152	100 mg	
			LS004154	1 gm	
			LS004156	5 gm	
			LS004158	Bulk	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type A, 0.22 Filtered Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 150 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFAS	LS004118	50 mg	
			LS004119	5 x 50 mg	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type B Prepared from cultures grown in medium completely devoid of animal based components and designed for bioprocessing applications where introduction of animal derived pathogens must be prevented. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 300 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFB	LS004145	100 mg	
			LS004147	1 gm	
			LS004148	5 gm	
			LS004150	Bulk	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type B, 0.22 Filtered Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 300 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFBS	LS004124	50 mg	
			LS004125	5 x 50 mg	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type C Prepared from cultures grown in medium completely devoid of animal based components and designed for bioprocessing applications where introduction of animal derived pathogens must be prevented. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 200 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFC	LS004138	100 mg	
			LS004140	1 gm	
			LS004141	5 gm	
			LS004143	Bulk	
Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free, Type C, 0.22 Filtered Collagenase, Animal Origin-Free which is filtered through a 0.22 micron membrane and lyophilized in vials. Store at 2-8°C.	≥ 200 units per mg dry weight	CLSAFCS	LS004130	50 mg	
			LS004131	5 x 50 mg	

Worthington Collagenase Products, Specifications and Applications Table

Product Code	Collagenase	Caseinase	Clostripain	Tryptic	Comments/Applications*
	CDU/mgdw	u/mgdw	u/mgdw	u/mgdw	
Partially Purified					
CLS-1	≥125	≥200	≤4.0	≤0.5	Balanced activities/Adipose, Adrenal, Epithelial, Liver, Lung
CLS-2	≥125	≥200	≥3.5	≥0.1	Higher proteolytic activities/Bone, Heart, Liver, Thymus
CLS-3	≥100	≥50	≤3.0	≤0.3	Lower proteolytic activities/Mammary
CLS-4	≥160	≥100	≤3.0	≤0.1	Lower tryptic activity/Pancreatic Islets
CLSS-1	≥125	≥200	≤4.0	≤0.5	0.22μ Filtered CLS-1 in 50mg & 1gm Vials
CLSS-2	≥125	≥200	≥3.5	≥0.1	0.22μ Filtered CLS-2 in 50mg & 1gm Vials
CLSS-3	≥100	≥50	≤3.0	≤0.3	0.22μ Filtered CLS-3 in 50mg Vials
CLSS-4	≥160	≥100	≤3.0	≤0.1	0.22μ Filtered CLS-4 in 50mg & 1gm Vials
CLSH	≥125	≥200	≤4.0	≤0.5	0.22μ Filtered, ≥22,500U CLS-1 & 30U ESL component of HIS kit
Animal Origin Free					
CLSAFA	≥150	≥150	≤8.0	≥0.1	Balanced Activities/AOF Stem Cell & Tissue Bioprocessing
CLSAFB	≥300	≥300	≤5.0	≤0.5	Higher Activities/AOF Stem Cell & Tissue Bioprocessing
CLSAFC	≥200	≥150	≤3.0	≤0.1	Lower Protease Activities/AOF Stem Cell & Tissue Bioprocessing
CLSAFAS	≥150	≥150	≤8.0	≥0.1	0.22μ Filtered AOF CLSAFA in 50mg vials
CLSAFBS	≥300	≥300	≤5.0	≤0.5	0.22μ Filtered AOF CLSAFB in 50mg vials
CLSAFCS	≥200	≥150	≤3.0	≤0.1	0.22μ Filtered AOF CLSAFC in 50mg vials
STEMxyme™ Animal Origin Free Blends					
STZ1	≥250	≥1,000	≤5.0	≤0.5	0.22μ Filtered CLSAFB & NPRO/AOF Stem Cell & Tissue Bioprocessing
STZ2	≥250	≥2,000	≤5.0	≤0.5	0.22μ Filtered CLSAFB & NPRO/AOF Stem Cell & Tissue Bioprocessing
Chromatographically Purified					
CLSPA	≥500	≤50	≤2.0	≤0.25	Low Protease/Collagen Studies, Tissue Digestion combined with other proteases
CLSPANK	≥500	≤50	≤2.0	≤0.25	0.22μ Filtered, ≥1,500U CLSPA component of NCIS kit

* Correlations between type and effectiveness with different tissues have been good, but not perfect, and may be dependent partly on parameters of use and objectives as well as lot-to-lot variations. For more information see the Collagenase Sampling Program information.

Applications

Collagenase is typically used at concentrations from 0.05 % to 0.5 % (w/v) in balanced salt solutions such as Hank's, Earle's and others.

For best results the precise mixture of collagenase and proteolytic activities must be tailored to the tissue to be dissociated. Worthington's four different types of crude collagenase offer these different mixtures of activities and are recommended for specific tissue types based upon evaluation by numerous researchers. In addition these proteolytic contaminant levels can vary from lot-to-lot making lot sampling critical to certain applications. For these reasons Worthington offers the **Collagenase Sampling Program** detailed separately and at Worthington-Biochem.com and TissueDissociation.com.

Activity

All Worthington collagenases are assayed using the following methods:

Collagenase activity is measured using a modification of the collagen digestion procedure of Mandl, et al. in which the enzyme is incubated for 5 hours with native bovine achilles tendon collagen (WBC Code: CL) at 37°C. *One unit equals one micromole of L-leucine equivalents released from collagen in 5 hours at 37°C, pH 7.5, under the specified conditions.*

Caseinase activity, a measure of non-specific proteolytic activity, is determined using the above assay and substituting 25 milligrams vitamin free casein for the collagen substrate. Caseinase activity is calculated as for collagenase activity.

Clostripain activity is measured after activation in 2.5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). *One unit hydrolyzes one micromole of BAEE per minute at 25°C, pH 7.6, after activation.*

Tryptic activity is assayed using the same BAEE method as clostripain, but without activation.

Collagenase Sampling Program

Providing researchers with the best combination of cell yield and viability is the aim of the Worthington Collagenase Sampling Program. The lot-to-lot variation which is typical of crude collagenase makes it important to pre-test a particular lot in many applications. As the world's leading manufacturer of collagenase Worthington is able to offer the greatest number of different lots at any given time and can recommend specific lots for an application.

Under the program Worthington provides individual researchers with 100 mg samples of up to three different lots of collagenase **free of charge**, for evaluation in their own application. A period of 60 days is allowed for your evaluation during which a minimum of 3 grams of each lot of collagenase will be placed on HOLD, reserved in your name. When you determine which lot performs best for you simply specify the lot desired when ordering. The only requirement is that, when and if a suitable lot of collagenase is found, a minimum of 3 grams be purchased. There is no cost or obligation for participating in the collagenase sampling program.

Collagenase Lot Selection Tool Available Online!

Worthington's **Collagenase Lot Selection Tool** is available online at our website. This feature was designed to help researchers select and evaluate current collagenase lots that match previous lots or desired activity profiles. Users may enter target values for collagenase, caseinase, clostripain, and tryptic activities or specify previous lot numbers. Each value can be weighted based upon the relative level of importance to the application. After the search for matches is completed, a ranked list of collagenase lots currently available is generated.

The selected lots can then be sampled simply by using the built-in link to the **Free Collagenase Sampling Program**.