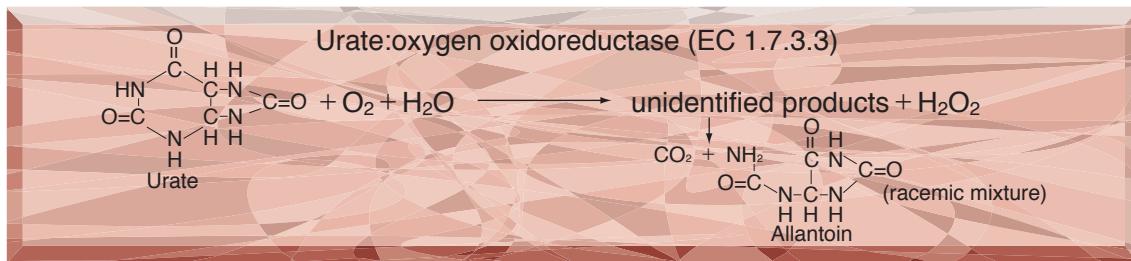


**TOYOBO ENZYMES**  
**(Diagnostic Reagent Grade)**

# **URICASE**

*from *Bacillus* sp.*



### **PREPARATION and SPECIFICATION**

Appearance	: White amorphous powder, lyophilized
Activity	: Grade II 1.5U/mg-solid or more
Contaminant	: Catalase ≤1.0%
Stabilizers	: Borate, EDTA, nonionic detergents



### **PROPERTIES**

Stability	: Stable at -20°C for at least one year	(Fig.1)
Molecular weight	: approx.150,000	
Structure	: 4 subunits per molecule	
Isoelectric point	: 4.7	
Michaelis constant	: 1.36 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M (Uric acid)	
Inhibitors	: Ag <sup>+</sup> ,Hg <sup>++</sup>	
Optimum pH	: 8.5	(Fig.4)
Optimum temperature	: 45°C	(Fig.5)
pH Stability	: pH 6.0 – 9.5 (25°C, 20hr)	(Fig.6)
Thermal stability	: below 60°C (pH 8.0, 10min)	(Fig.7)
Effect of various chemicals	: (Table.1)	



### **APPLICATIONS**

This enzyme is useful for enzymatic determination of uric acid in clinical analysis.


**ASSAY**
**Principle:**

The disappearance of uric acid is measured at 290nm by spectrophotometry.

**Unit definition:**

One unit causes the oxidation of one micromole of uric acid per minute under the conditions described below.

**Method:****Reagents**

A. Uric acid solution	: 0.001% [Dilute the stock solution (0.01%) to 10-fold volume with 50mM borate buffer containing 0.001% Triton X-100 and 1.0mM EDTA, pH 8.0] (Should be prepared fresh) Stock solution : 10.0mg uric acid/100ml of above buffer (Store at 0–5°C)
B. KOH solution	: 20%
C. Enzyme diluent	: 50mM borate buffer containing 0.001% Triton X-100 and 1.0mM EDTA, pH 8.0

**Procedure**

1. Prepare the following reaction mixture in a test tube and equilibrate at 37°C for about 5 minutes.

2.0ml	Uric acid solution	(A)
0.5ml	Distilled water	

2. Add 0.5ml of the enzyme solution\* and mix by gentle inversion.
3. After exactly 5 minutes at 37°C, add 0.2ml of 20% KOH solution (B) to stop the reaction and measure the optical density at 290nm against water (OD test).

At the same time, prepare the blank by first mixing the reaction mixture with 0.2ml of KOH solution after 5min-incubation at 37°C, followed by the addition of the enzyme solution (OD blank).

Concentration in assay mixture		
Borate buffer	42	mM
Uric acid	40	μM
EDTA	0.83	mM
Triton X-100	0.00083%	

- \* Dissolve the enzyme preparation in ice-cold enzyme diluent (C) and dilute to 0.01–0.02U/ml with the same buffer and store on ice.

**Calculation**

Activity can be calculated by using the following formula :

$$\text{Volume activity (U/ml)} = \frac{\Delta \text{OD} (\text{OD blank} - \text{OD test}) \times V_t \times df}{12.2 \times 1.0 \times t \times V_s} = \Delta \text{OD} \times 0.105 \times df$$

Weight activity (U/mg) = (U/ml) × 1/C

Vt : Total volume (3.2ml)

Vs : Sample volume (0.5ml)

12.2 : Millimolar extinction coefficient of uric acid (cm<sup>2</sup>/micromole)

t : Reaction time (5 minutes)

1.0 : Light path length (cm)

df : Dilution factor

C : Enzyme concentration in dissolution (c mg/ml)


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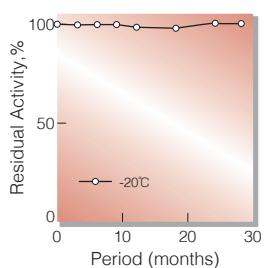
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**Table 1 Effect of Various Chemicals on Uricase**

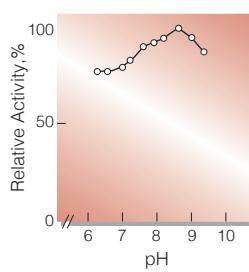
[This enzyme dissolved in 50mM borate buffer, pH 8.0 (5U/ml) was incubated with each chemical at 25°C for 1hr.]

Chemical	Concn.(mM)	Residual activity(%)	Chemical	Concn.(mM)	Residual activity(%)
None	—	100	EDTA	5.0	104
Metal salt	2.0		o-Phenanthroline	2.0	91
MgCl <sub>2</sub>		89	$\alpha, \alpha'$ -Dipyridyl	1.0	89
CaCl <sub>2</sub>		91	Borate	50	102
Ba(OAc) <sub>2</sub>		118	IAA	2.0	93
FeCl <sub>3</sub>		95	NEM	2.0	107
CoCl <sub>2</sub>		91	Hydroxylamine	2.0	91
MnCl <sub>2</sub>		93	2-Mercaptoethanol	2.0	104
ZnSO <sub>4</sub>		91	Triton X-100	0.10%	93
Cd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>		87	Brij 35	0.10%	93
NiCl <sub>2</sub>		89	Tween 20	0.10%	98
CuSO <sub>4</sub>		78	Span 20	0.10%	103
Pb(OAc) <sub>2</sub>		91	Na-cholate	0.10%	98
AgNO <sub>3</sub>		44	SDS	0.05%	91
HgCl <sub>2</sub>		46	DAC	0.05%	89
PCMB	2.0	96			
MIA	2.0	91			
NaF	2.0	91			
NaN <sub>3</sub>	2.0	91			

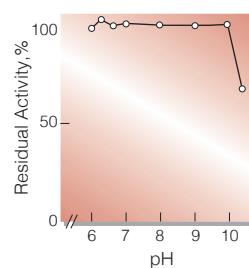
Ac, CH<sub>3</sub>CO; PCMB, p-Chloromercuribenzoate; MIA, Monoiodoacetate; EDTA, Ethylenediaminetetraacetate; IAA, Iodoacetamide; NEM, N-Ethylmaleimide; SDS, Sodium dodecyl sulfate; DAC, Dimethylbenzylalkylammonium chloride.



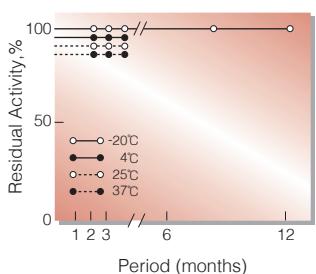
**Fig.1. Stability (Powder form)**  
(kept under dry conditions)



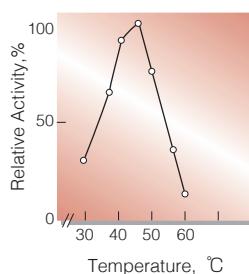
**Fig.4. pH-Activity**  
(37°C,in 50mM borate buffer)



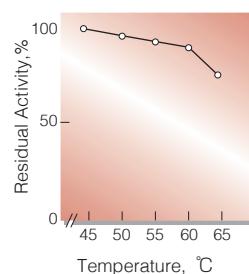
**Fig.6. pH-Stability**  
(25°C, 20hr-treatment with 50mM borate buffer)



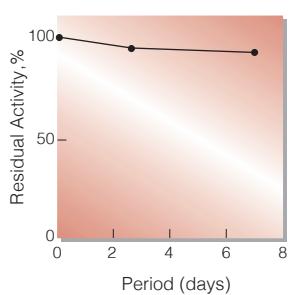
**Fig.2. Stability (Powder form)**  
(kept under dry conditions)



**Fig.5. Temperature activity**  
(5min-reaction in 50mM borate buffer, pH8.0)



**Fig.7. Thermal stability**  
(10min-treatment with 50mM borate buffer, pH8.0)



**Fig.3. Stability (Liquid form)**  
(40°C,in GOOD's buffer solution pH7.0)

## 活性測定法（Japanese）

### 1. 原理

$\text{Uric acid} + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{uricase}} \text{Allantoin} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{CO}_2$   
尿酸の消失量を290nmにおける吸光度の変化で測定する。

### 2. 定義

下記条件下で1分間に1マイクロモルの尿酸を酸化する酵素量を1単位(U)とする。

### 3. 試薬

A. 0.001% 尿酸溶液 [保存溶液(0.01%)を0.001% Triton X-100及び1.0mM EDTAを含む50mMホウ酸緩衝液,pH8.0で10倍希釈する] (用時調製)保存溶液は10.0mgの尿酸を同上緩衝液100mLに溶解して調製する(0~5°Cで保存)

B. 20%KOH溶液

酵素溶液：酵素標品を予め氷冷した0.001%Triton X-100および1.0mM EDTAを含む50mMホウ酸緩衝液,pH8.0で溶解し,同緩衝液で0.01~0.02U/mLに希釈し氷冷保存する。

### 4. 手順

①試験管に下記反応混液を調製し,37°Cで約5分間予備加温する。

2.0mL 尿酸溶液 (A)  
0.5mL 蒸留水

②酵素溶液0.5mLを加え,反応を開始する。

③37°Cで正確に5分間反応させた後,KOH溶液(B)0.2mLを加えて反応を停止させる。この液につき290nmにおける吸光度を測定する(OD test)。

④盲検は反応混液①を37°Cで5分間放置後,KOH溶液(B)0.2mLを加えて混和し,次いで酵素溶液0.5mLを加えて調製する。以下同様に吸光度を測定する(OD blank)。

### 5. 計算式

$$\text{U/mL} = \frac{\Delta \text{OD} (\text{OD blank} - \text{OD test}) \times 3.2(\text{mL}) \times \text{希釈倍率}}{12.2 \times 1.0 \times 5(\text{分}) \times 0.5(\text{mL})} \\ = \Delta \text{OD} \times 0.105 \times \text{希釈倍率}$$

$$\text{U/mg} = \text{U/mL} \times 1/\text{C}$$

12.2 : 尿酸のミリモル分子吸光係数  
(cm<sup>-1</sup>/micromole)

1.0 : 光路長(cm)

C : 溶解時の酵素濃度(c mg/mL)