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**Applications**: PP1 can be used to release phosphate groups from phosphorylated serine, threonine and tyrosine residues in proteins. Note that different proteins are dephosphorylated at different rates.

**Reagents Supplied with Enzyme**: 10X NEBuffer for Protein MetalloPhosphatases (PMP) 10X MnCl₂ (10 mM)

**Reaction Conditions**: 1X NEBuffer for PMP, supplemented with 1 mM MnCl₂.

**Incubate at 30°C**

**1X NEBuffer for PMP**

50 mM HEPES
100 mM NaCl
2 mM DTT
0.01% Brij 35
pH 7.5 @ 25°C

**Unit Definition**: One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme that hydrolyzes 1 nmol of ρ-Nitrophenyl Phosphate (50 mM) (NEB #P0757) in 1 minute at 30°C in a total reaction volume of 50 µl.

**Specific Activity**: ~80,000 units/mg.

**Molecular Weight**: 37.5 kDa.

**Purity**: PP1 has been purified to > 90% homogeneity as determined by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie Blue staining.

**Quality Assurance**: PP1 contains no detectable protease activity.

**Quality Control Assays**

**Protease Activity**: After incubation of 50 units of PP1 with a standardized mixture of proteins for 2 hours at 30°C, no proteolytic activity could be detected by SDS-PAGE.

**Heat Inactivation**: 65°C for one hour.

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**Notes On Use**: Avoid freeze/thaw cycles. Can be stored for 1 week or less at –20°C.

The following information can be used as suggested initial conditions for dephosphorylation of proteins with PP1.

0.1 unit of PP1 removes ~100% of phosphates (0.5 nmol) from phosphorylated serine/threonine residues in phosphorylase a as well as in phosphorylated myelin basic protein (phospho-MyBP, 18.5 kDa) in 30 minutes in a 50 µl reaction. The concentration of phospho-MyBP is 10 µM with respect to phosphate.

The Protein Serine/threonine Phosphatase (PSP) activity of PP1 is assessed on phosphorylase a phosphorylated on a serine residue with phosphorylase kinase, and also on MyBP phosphorylated on serine/threonine residues with cAMP-dependent Protein Kinase.

Optimal incubation times and enzyme concentrations must be determined empirically for each particular substrate.
It has been found that bacterially expressed catalytic subunits of the α- and γ-isofoms of type 1 protein phosphatase can dephosphorylate phosphotyrosine residues in proteins (3,4). We assessed the Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase (PTP) activity of PP1 on MyBP phosphorylated on tyrosine residues with Abl Protein Tyrosine Kinase. We have measured the PTP activity as high as 10–30% of the PSP activity measured on MyBP phosphorylated on serine/threonine residues.

PP1 has been shown to be active on phosphorylated histidine residues (5).

If the source of phosphorylated protein is a crude extract of cells or tissue, it is very important to include the appropriate protease inhibitors in the lysis buffer and to use shorter incubation time for dephosphorylation.

The following levels of inhibition of PP1 (0.1 unit) are found when the reaction buffer is supplemented with:

- 1 µM Protein Phosphatase Inhibitor 2 (NEB #P0755) 100%
- 10 µM okadaic acid 85%
- 0.1 µM microcystin-LR 100%
- 10 mM Sodium Orthovanadate (6) (NEB #P0758) 95%
- 50 mM Sodium Fluoride (NEB #P0759) 40%
- 50 mM Na₂ EDTA 95%
- 1% Triton X-10 5%
- 0.4% Nonidet P-40 no
- 0.5 M NaCl no
- Protease Inhibitor Cocktail* no

*Pepstatin A, leupeptin and aprotinin, 10 µg/ml each, 0.5 mM PMSF, and 1 mM benzamidine

References:

Companion Products:
NEBuffer Pack for Protein MetalloPhosphatases #B0760S
Sodium Orthovanadate #P0758S
Sodium Fluoride #P0759S
p-Nitrophenyl Phosphate (PNPP) #P0757S