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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Catalog Number: 101084, 104907  
**Ribonuclease B**

**Molecular Weight:** 14,700 ± 300 (2)

**Synonym:** RNase B

**Source:** Bovine pancreas

**Unit Definition:** One unit is the amount of enzymatic activity which is capable of causing within 1 minute a decrease in absorbance at 300 nm equivalent to the maximum possible change in a 0.05% solution of yeast RNA at 25°C, pH 5.0.

**Optimum pH:** 7.0-7.5

**Isoelectric Point:** pH 9.45

**Description:** RNase B is a glycoprotein which possesses an amino acid composition indistinguishable from that of RNase A and which contains carbohydrate to the extent of 6 residues of mannose and 2 residues of N-acetylglucosamine per molecule. It is consequently considered to be a carbohydrate derivative of RNase A.<sup>4</sup>

**Specificity:** RNase B has the same specificity as RNase A toward both cyclic cytidylate and yeast RNA.<sup>2</sup>

**Inhibitors:** Inhibited by heavy metal ions and is competitively inhibited by DNA. The effect of denatured DNA is much greater than that of the native nucleic acid.<sup>3</sup>

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