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Cat. No.	Size
E1070-01	1 000 units
E1070-02	5 000 units

Unit Definition: One unit catalyzes the ligation of 50% of the cos sites in 0.4 µg of Sma I- and Sal I - digested bacteriophage lambda DNA in 1 minute at 45°C in a 20 µl reaction.

Storage Conditions:
Store at -20˚C

Thermostable *Taq* DNA Ligase catalyzes the formation of a phosphodiester bond between adjacent 5'-phosphoryl and 3'-hydroxyl cohesive termini in duplex DNA fragments.

Description:

- → Catalyzes the formation of a phosphodiester bond between duplex DNA fragments with cohesive ends.
- → Condensation of the 5'-phosphoryl group with an adjacent 3'-hydroxyl group is coupled with the hydrolysis of NAD^+.
- → Stable at elevated temperatures (45°C-65°C) allowing enhanced hybridization stringency (2).
- → Enzyme suitable for:
- → allel-specific gene detection using Ligase Detection Reaction and Ligase Chain Reaction (3,4)
- → mutagenesis by incoporation of a phosphorylated oligonucleotide during PCR amplification (5).

Storage Buffer:

20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6 at 22°C), 0.1% (v/v) Brij-35, 50 mM KCl, 0.1% (v/v) Brij-35 and 50% (v/v) glycerol.

Assay Conditions:

The activity assay is carried out with 0.4 µg of Sma I- and Sal I digested bacteriophage lambda DNA in a 20 µl volume. The reaction buffer consists of 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6 at 25°C), 25 mM potassium acetate, 10 mM dithiothreitol, 10 mM magnesium acetate, 0.6 mM NAD^+ and 0.1% (v/v) Brij-35. The reaction is followed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

Quality Control:

All preparations are assayed for contaminating endonuclease, exonuclease, nonspecific single- and double-stranded DNase activities.

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