## β-Lactamase MIX

# (β-Lactamase I + β-Lactamase II)





**β-Lactamase MIX** (**β-Lactamase I + β-Lactamase II**) is a freeze-dried product containing buffer salts and zinc. It has a broad range of activity against both penicillins ( $\beta$ I activity) and cephalosporins ( $\beta$ II activity).

#### FORMULATION AND PACK SIZE

**β-Lactamase MIX** (**β-Lactamase I + β-Lactamase II**) is available in the following pack size and formulations:

-cod. BM Bulk: lyophilized, non-sterile, pack size on demand with the following specification:

- > 2 βII IU (International Units)/mg of powder
- > 20 BI IU (International Units)/mg of powder

-cod. BM5: lyophilized, non-sterile, pack size of 10 vials/pack with the following specification:

- > 50 βII IU (International Units)/vial
- > 500 βI IU (International Units)/vial

-cod. BM5IR: lyophilized, sterile (<u>irradiated</u>), pack size of 10 vials/pack with the following specification:

- > 50 βII IU (International Units)/vial
- > 500 βI IU (International Units)/vial

-cod. BM1: lyophilized, non-sterile, pack size of 1 vial/pack with the following specification:

- > 1.000 BII IU (International Units)/vial
- > 10.000 BI IU (International Units)/vial
- 1 IU of Penicillinase ( $\beta$ -Lactamase I) is defined as the amount of enzyme needed to hydrolyze 1  $\mu$ mole of Penicillin G per minute at 25°C and pH 7.0
- 1 IU of Penicillinase corresponds to 600 Levy Units, 75 Pollock Units or 91200 Kersey Kinetic Units.
- 1 IU of Cephalosporinase ( $\beta$ -Lactamase II) is defined as the amount of enzyme needed to hydrolyze 1  $\mu$ mole of Cephalosporin C per minute at 25°C and pH 7 0



#### **APPLICATION**

**β-Lactamase MIX** is a product specifically designed for the inactivation of a broad range of beta-lactam antibiotics, thus find its application in beta-lactams sterility testing (either environmental and antibiotics sterility testing). **β-Lactamase MIX** can be used for the inactivation of beta-lactams from blood or tissue sample prior to routine microbiological examination. Due to its very broad specificity range **β-Lactamase MIX** can also be used in the assessment of the susceptibility of new beta-lactams antibiotics to inactivation by ESB lactamases.

#### **USAGE**

**β-Lactamase MIX** (**β-Lactamase I + β-Lactamase II)** freeze dried powder should be simply reconstituted with purified water and, if necessary, filter sterilized through a 0.22-micron filter prior to use. After reconstitution the product should be stored at 2-8°C and used within 4 weeks.

For non-sterile formulation after reconstitution the solution must be filter sterilized promptly.

#### **EFFECTIVENESS**

**β-Lactamase MIX** has been demonstrated to inactivate the following:

**Penicillins**: Amdinocillin, Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Azlocillin, Benzylpenicillin, Carbenicillin, Cloxacillin, Flucloxacillin, Methicillin, Mezlocillin, Nafcillin, Oxacillin, Piperacillin, Ticarcillin.

**Cephalosporins**: Cefaclor, Cefadroxyl, Cefalexin, Cefaloridine, Cefalothin, Cefamandole, Cefazolin, Cefdinir, Cefixime, Cefonicid, Cefoperazone, Cefotaxime, Cefpodoxime, Cefprozil, Cefsulodin, Ceftazidime, Ceftiofur, Ceftizoxime, Cefuroxime.

**β-Lactamase MIX** has also been demonstrated to inactivate **Carbapenems**.

#### STABILITY OF REAGENTS

### Freeze dried bulk powder

Freeze dried bulk powder has a stability of 36 months from manufacturing date. The product should be stored at -25/+8°C. For long term storage, -25/-15°C should be preferable.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 $\beta\text{-Lactamase}$  MIX DOES NOT CONTAIN ANIMAL DERIVATIVES and it's certified as a TSE/BSE free product.

