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**Source:** Dnmt1 is expressed from human Dnmt1 cDNA using a baculovirus expression system (1,7).

Supplied in: 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM dithiothreitol and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C.

**Reagents Supplied with Enzyme:** 10X Dnmt1 Reaction Buffer, 100X BSA and 32 mM S-adenosylmethionine (SAM).

Reaction Conditions: 1X Dnmt1 Reaction Buffer, supplemented with 100  $\mu$ g/ml BSA (supplied) and 160  $\mu$ M S-adenosylmethionine (supplied). Incubate at 37°C.

### 1X Dnmt1 Reaction Buffer:

50 mM Tris-HCl 1 mM EDTA 1 mM dithiothreitol 5% glycerol pH 7.8 @ 25°C

**Unit Definition:** One unit is the amount of enzyme required to catalyze the transfer of 1 pmol of methyl group to poly dl.dC substrate in a total reaction volume of  $25 \,\mu$ l in 30 minutes at  $37^{\circ}$ C.

**Quality Assurance:** Purified free of contaminating endonucleases and exonucleases.

**Storage of SAM:** S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) (Sigma Catalog #A7007) is stored at  $-20^{\circ}$ C as a 32 mM solution dissolved in 0.005 M sulfuric acid and 10% ethanol. Under these conditions SAM is stable for up to 6 months. SAM is unstable at (pH 7.5), 37°C (1) and should be replenished in reactions incubated longer than 4 hours. Methylation can be optimized by using fresh SAM.

Heat Inactivation: 65°C for 20 minutes.

**Note:** For DNA modification and protection applications, M.SssI (NEB #M0226) is preferred because it efficiently methylates both unmethylated and hemimethylated DNA substrates.

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