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## C-PHYCOCYANIN

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Product Code:** PB11  
**Concentration:**  $\geq 10$  mg/ml  
**Purity:**  $A_{620}/A_{280} > 4.0$   
Shipped with ice pack for next day delivery.  
Store at 4 °C in dark. **DO NOT FREEZE.**  
**Formulation:** Protein is supplied as a suspension in 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.0) with 60% ammonium sulfate.  
**Stability:** Stable at least 12 months when stored properly.

PhycoPro™ PB11 C-Phycocyanin is a phycobiliprotein isolated from *Spirulina* sp., a blue-green algae. Like other phycobiliproteins, PB11 C-Phycocyanin is fluorescent, with an extremely high absorbivity, a high quantum efficiency, a large Stokes shift and excitation and emission bands at visible wavelengths. It is a stable protein which can be easily linked to antibodies and other proteins by conventional protein cross-linking techniques without altering its spectral characteristics.

Because of their properties, phycobiliproteins have been used in a variety of immunological assays and as fluorescent labels for cell-sorting. In addition, because of the high molar absorbivity of PB11 C-Phycocyanin and other

phycobiliproteins at visible wavelengths (see Figure 1), they are convenient markers in such applications as gel electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing and gel exclusion chromatography.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Molecular Weight: 232,000 daltons

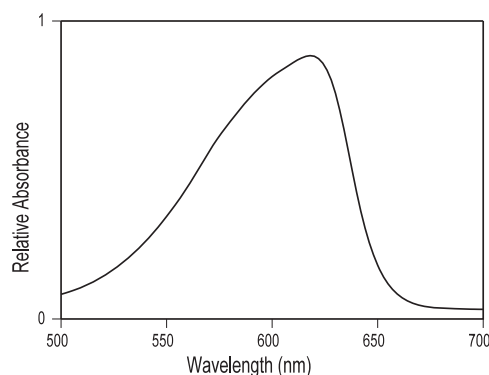
Composition: The protein has an  $(\alpha\beta)_6$  composition. Both  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -subunits are approximately 20,000 daltons.

Purity:  $A_{620}/A_{280} > 4.0$

Absorption Maximum: 620 nm

Emission Maximum: 647 nm

Extinction Coefficient:  $E_{620}^{1\%} = 70$



Isoelectric Point: 4.65

Origin: USA

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## Notes on Specifications:

The ratio of absorbance at the absorbance maximum of C-phycoerythrin (CPE) to absorbance at 280 nm ( $A_{\lambda_{\max}}/A_{280}$ ) is indicative of the purity of the preparation with respect to most forms of contaminating protein. Absorbance at 280 nm in these preparations is primarily due to aromatic amino acids, and this is roughly proportional to the overall concentration of protein in solution, including c-phycoerythrin. Absorbance at the absorbance maximum reflects only the concentration of CPE. In addition, however,  $A_{\lambda_{\max}}/A_{280}$  also indicates the condition of the phycobiliprotein itself, since highly purified samples of CPE can vary significantly in this respect. These differences reflect handling, time of storage and the source of the original raw material; reductions in this ratio probably reflect deterioration of chromophores.

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