

## Betaine Enhancer Solution

Concentration: 5 M



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-	5x Betaine Enhancer Solution
ID No.	5400000
Cap Colour	White
Content	5 x 1ml

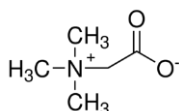
### General Description

Betaine Enhancer Solution is one of the most effective additives over a wide range of different templates, including GC-rich sequences and templates known to be extremely difficult to amplify. The performance of Betaine Enhancer Solution is superior compared to standard enhancers such as formamide, DMSO, TMAC, BSA and non-ionic detergents. Betaine Enhancer Solution is an excellent enhancer especially when used with GC-rich regions or templates with a high degree of secondary structures.

### The Function of Betaine Enhancer Solution

Betaine enhancer solution lowers the DNA melting temperature and has an enhancing effect on the polymerase.

In detail, Betaine binds preferentially to AT rich sequences in the major groove, thereby stabilizing AT rich regions of the DNA. Because AT forms 2 hydrogen bonds and GC forms 3, the bonding of AT is less stable than the one of GC. As a consequence of the stabilizing effect of Betaine on AT bonding, the stability of AT bonding and GC bonding is brought close to an equal level. At the same time, Betaine has a sequence independent destabilizing effect on all DNA. Summarized, the  $T_m$  of AT rich and GC rich sequences are equalized and the overall  $T_m$  is lowered. Furthermore, Betaine aids the processivity of thermostable polymerases and reduces "pauses" in polymerization caused by secondary structure that can induce the polymerase to disassociate from the DNA strand.



### Kit Components

#### Betaine Enhancer Solution

5 M Betaine in solution in PCR-grade H<sub>2</sub>O

#### Recommended Storage and Stability

Long term storage at -20 °C. Product expiry at -20 °C is stated on the label.

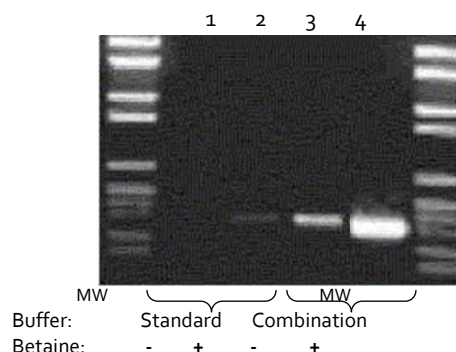
Option: Store at +4 °C for up to 6 months.

### Pre-PCR Considerations

Betaine has a decreasing effect on the melting temperature of DNA and primers. Therefore, denaturation temperatures as well as primer annealing temperatures should be reduced by 1 – 5 °C. The optimal annealing temperature should be determined individually for each reaction.

### Determining the optimal buffer / enhancer combination for your application.

By running the reactions using different buffers with and without enhancer, the optimal reaction conditions should be found for the specific application. For an example see figure 1.



**Figure 1: Efficacy of different buffer – enhancer combination**

cDNA was PCR amplified using the indicated conditions and equal amounts of the reactions were loaded on an agarose gel

- 1x Standard Buffer
- 1x Standard Buffer / Betaine (final concentration 1 M)
- 1x Combination Buffer
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### Related Products

AQ90 High Fidelity DNA Polymerase (500 units)	Cat. No.
AQ90 High Fidelity DNA Polymerase 2 U/μl • with 10x Ammonium Buffer	A457403
AQ90 High Fidelity Master Mix (500 x 50 μl)	Cat. No.
2x Master Mix, 2 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> final concentration	A470703

GC-rich DNA Amplification	Cat. No.
GC-rich DNA Target Kit*	A227103
2x GC TEMPase 2x Master Mix I, 10 x 1.5 ml	A331703
2x GC TEMPase 2x Master Mix II, 10 x 1.5 ml	A332703

\*Kit including TEMPase Polymerase 5 U/μl with GC Buffer I, GC Buffer II and MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

Ultrapur dNTPs*	Cat. No.
dNTP Mix 40 mM (2 x 500 μl): 10 mM each dA, dC, dG, dT	A502004
dNTP Set, 100 mM each: 250 μl of each dA, dC, dG and dT	A511104

\*Other concentrations and Single dNTPs are available.

Loading Buffers, PCR water and Ladders	Cat. No.
5x Loading Buffer Red *, 5 x 1 ml	A608104
Iqon PCR Ladder **, 100 – 3000 bp, 1 x 0.5 ml	A610341
PCR Grade Water, 6 x 5 ml	A360056

\* Also available with Blue, Orange or Cyan. \*\* Available in different size ranges.

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Other product sizes, combinations and customized solutions are available. Please look at [www.ampliqon.com](http://www.ampliqon.com) or ask for our complete product list for PCR Enzymes. For customized solutions please contact us.

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