

## Enzyme Alpha-amylase

**Systematic name** 4- $\alpha$ -D-glucan glucanohydrolase

**IUBMB nomenclature**  $\alpha$ -amylase

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**Synonyms**

- glycogenase;  $\alpha$  amylase,  $\alpha$ -amylase; endoamylase; Taka-amylase A; 1,4- $\alpha$ -D-glucan glucanohydrolase

**Properties** Endohydrolysis of (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucosidic linkages in polysaccharides containing three or more (1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -linked D-glucose units. Acts on starch, glycogen and related polysaccharides and oligosaccharides in a random manner; reducing groups are liberated in the  $\alpha$ -configuration. The term ' $\alpha$ ' relates to the initial anomeric configuration of the free sugar group released and not to the configuration of the linkage hydrolysed.