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A MODIFIED METHOD FOR PURIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF BOVINE CALMODULIN - THE IDENTIFICATION OF METAL BINDING SITES

Calmodulin from bovine brain was extracted and purified using a method described by Klee (1988) with some modifications. Several steps of ultrafiltration enhanced the degree of purification and simplified the procedure. The spectrofluorometric and ultraviolet identification of calmodulin ensured the estimation of the degree of purity. A 93.3 fold increase in activity (Specific activity 0.983 mg/mg Pr.) of final product assumes a high degree of purity. The Ca²⁺ binding capacity of calmodulin was estimated using a fluorescence emission intensity method with the use of a computerized model.

The binding sites of Ca²⁺ ion was estimated using a novel technique.

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