

**Supplementary 1.** Phylogenetic analysis of 16S rRNA gene sequence similarities of *Enterobacter* sp. 3TP2A based on the BLAST result using the neighbor-joining method. Scale bar represents 0.1 substitutions per nucleotide position. The organisms and GeneBank accession numbers of analyzed sequences are given in parenthesis.



**Supplementary 2a.** Effect of temperature on β-galactosidase activity in *Enterobacter* sp. 3TP2A



**Supplementary 2b.** Effect of pH on β-galactosidase activity in *Enterobacter* sp. 3TP2A



**Supplementary 3a.** Effect of thermal stability on purified β-galactosidase activity from *Enterobacter* sp.3TP2A



**Supplementary 3b.** Effect of pH stability on purified β-galactosidase activity from *Enterobacter* sp.3TP2A

**Supplementary 4.** Effect of metal ions on the activity of purified β-galactosidase from *E. cloacae*

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| **Chemicals** | **Percent activity retained (%)** | | | | |
| **1 mM** | **2mM** | **5 mM** | **10 mM** | **20 mM** |
| Ca2+ | 94±2.3 | 95±1.5 | 100±1.5 | 105±1.0 | 84±2.1 |
| Cu2+ | 4.1±0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mg2+ | 117±1.5 | 125±2.3 | 120±0.3 | 120±1.5 | 147±2.3 |
| Zn2+ | 68±1.8 | 73±0.1 | 92±2.9 | 103±2.7 | ND |
| EDTA | 32±0.9 | 29±0.4 | 27±2.4 | 25±0.3 | 24±0.8 |

**ND:** Not determined

**Supplementary 5.** Effect of inhibitors on the activity of purified β-galactosidase

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| **Chemicals** | **Percent activity retained (%)** | | | |
| **1mM** | **2mM** | **4mM** | **8mM** |
| N-ethylmaleimide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DTT | 100±1.5 | 102±2.1 | 97±0.3 | 108±1.9 |
| β-Mercaptoethanol | 102±1.2 | 99±1.4 | ND | 114±1.5 |
| Iodoacetamide | 99±3.02 | 87±4.3 | 94±1.4 | 93±1.7 |
|  | **0.2 mM** | **0.4 mM** | **1 mM** | **2 mM** |
| PCMB | 13.7±0.4 | 13.9±0.5 | 13.08±0.8 | 13.3±0.2 |

**Supplementary 6.** Linewever-Burk plot of the enzyme using various *o*NPG concentrations

