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(54) **Title:** DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS AND USES OF THE SAME

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to detergent compositions comprising a protease, an alpha-amylase and a surfactant, and methods and uses of the same (for example, in automatic dish washing and laundry).

DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS AND USES OF THE SAME**Reference to a Sequence Listing**

5 This application contains a Sequence Listing in computer readable form, which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to novel compositions comprising protease variants and amylase variants, wherein the respective variants exhibit alterations relative to the parent protease and parent amylase, respectively, in one or more properties including: wash performance, detergent stability and/or storage stability. The compositions of the invention are suitable as e.g. cleaning or detergent compositions, such as laundry detergent compositions and dish wash compositions, including automatic dish wash compositions.

15 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Enzymes have been used within the detergent industry as part of washing formulations for many decades. Proteases are from a commercial perspective the most relevant enzyme in such formulations, but other enzymes including lipases, amylases, cellulases, hemicellulases or mixtures of enzymes are also often used. To improve the cost and/or the performance of enzymes there is an ongoing search for enzymes with altered properties, such as increased activity at low temperatures, increased stability, increased specific activity at a given pH, altered Ca²⁺ dependency, increased stability in the presence of other detergent ingredients (e.g. bleach, surfactants etc.) etc. For instance, one family of proteases, which is often used in detergents, are the subtilases. This family has previously been further grouped into 6 different sub-groups by Siezen RJ and Leunissen JAM, 1997, Protein Science, 6, 501-523. One of these sub-groups is the Subtilisin family which includes subtilases such as BPN', Subtilisin 309 (SAVINASE®, Novozymes A/S), Subtilisin Carlsberg (ALCALASE®, Novozymes A/S), Subtilisin S41 (a subtilase from the psychrophilic Antarctic Bacillus TA41, Davail S et al. 1994, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, 269(26), 99. 17448-17453) and Subtilisin S39 (a subtilase from the psychrophilic Antarctic Bacillus TA39, Narinx E et al. 1997, Protein Engineering, 10 (11), pp. 1271-1279). TY145 is a subtilase from Bacillus sp. TY145, NCIMB 40339, which was first described in WO 92/17577 (Novozymes A/S) and in the later application WO2004/067737 (Novozymes A/S) disclosing the three-dimensional structure and the use of protein engineering to alter functionality of a TY-145 subtilase.

35 Other enzymes, such as the alpha-amylases, have typically been alpha-amylases from *B. licheniformis*, also known as Termamyl. Similar to protease ongoing search for improvements, alpha-amylases are under development.

Detergent compositions have been described, but there is a continued need for improved detergent compositions, wherein the enzymes within the detergent compositions are not affected by other components of the detergent compositions, such as the bleaching system or chelators. Thus, it is an objective of the present invention to provide such detergent compositions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to detergent compositions comprising:

- (a) a polypeptide having protease activity comprising or consisting of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or a variant thereof which exhibits protease activity;
- (b) a polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity; and
- (c) a surfactant.

In one embodiment, the polypeptide having protease activity consists of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

The present invention relates also to a method of dishwashing comprising adding said detergent composition in a detergent composition compartment in said automatic dishwashing machine.

The present invention relates also to a method of laundering comprising laundering a fabric with a detergent composition according to the invention.

FIGURES

Figure 1. Wash performance study of the protease having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 in P-free (phosphor free) detergent, with commercial detergent A and commercial detergent B as controls (performed at 50 °C/21 dH).

Figure 2. Wash performance study of Blaze Evity 100T in commercial detergent C P-based detergent, with commercial detergent A and commercial detergent B as controls (performed at 50C/21 dH).

Figure 3. Wash performance on Crème Brûlée versus amount enzyme protein of the protease having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 in commercial detergent D and Blaze Evity 100T in commercial detergent C.

Figure 4. Wash performance study of an exemplary detergent composition of the invention, Composition B (performed at 50 °C/21 dH).

DEFINITIONS

The term “protease” is defined herein as an enzyme that hydrolyses peptide bonds. It includes any enzyme belonging to the EC 3.4 enzyme group (including each of the thirteen subclasses thereof). The EC number refers to Enzyme Nomenclature 1992 from NC-IUBMB,

Academic Press, San Diego, California, including supplements 1-5 published in Eur. J. Biochem. 1994, 223, 1-5; Eur. J. Biochem. 1995, 232, 1-6; Eur. J. Biochem. 1996, 237, 1-5; Eur. J. Biochem. 1997, 250, 1-6; and Eur. J. Biochem. 1999, 264, 610-650; respectively. The term "subtilases" refer to a sub-group of serine protease according to Siezen et al., Protein Engng. 4 (1991) 719-737 and Siezen et al. Protein Science 6 (1997) 501-523. Serine proteases or serine peptidases is a subgroup of proteases characterised by having a serine in the active site, which forms a covalent adduct with the substrate. Further the subtilases (and the serine proteases) are characterised by having two active site amino acid residues apart from the serine, namely a histidine and an aspartic acid residue. The subtilases may be divided into 6 sub-divisions, i.e. the Subtilisin family, the Thermitase family, the Proteinase K family, the Lantibiotic peptidase family, the Kexin family and the Pyrolysin family. The term "protease activity" means a proteolytic activity (EC 3.4). Proteases of the invention are endopeptidases (EC 3.4.21). For purposes of the present invention, protease activity is determined according to the procedure described in Example 1 below. The proteases described herein comprise or consist of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or a fragment or variant thereof which exhibits protease activity.

The term "alpha-amylase" means an alpha-amylase having alpha-amylase activity, i.e. the activity of alpha-1,4-glucan-4-glucanohydrolases, E.C. 3.2.1.1, which constitute a group of enzymes, catalysing hydrolysis of starch and other linear and branched 1,4-glucosidic oligo- and polysaccharides. For purposes of alpha-amylases present in the detergent compositions of the present invention, alpha-amylase activity may be determined as described in Example 1 below.

The term "lipase" means a lipase having lipase activity. The lipase defined herein may be a carboxylic ester hydrolase EC 3.1.1.-, which includes activities such as EC 3.1.1.3 triacylglycerol lipase, EC 3.1.1.4 phospholipase A2, EC 3.1.1.5 lysophospholipase, EC 3.1.1.26 galactolipase, EC 3.1.1.32 phospholipase A1, EC 3.1.1.73 feruloyl esterase.

The term "protease variant" (or "variant" when used in the context of a protease) means a protease having protease activity comprising an alteration, i.e., a substitution, insertion, and/or deletion, preferably substitution, at one or more (or one or several) positions compared to its parent which is a protease having the identical amino acid sequence of said variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions. Similarly, the term "alpha-amylase variant" means an alpha-amylase having alpha-amylase activity comprising an alteration, i.e., a substitution, insertion, and/or deletion, at one or more (e.g., several) positions as compared to a "parent alpha-amylase". A substitution means a replacement of an amino acid occupying a position with a different amino acid; a deletion means removal of an amino acid occupying a position; and an insertion means adding amino acids e.g. 1 to 10 amino acids, preferably 1-3 amino acids adjacent to an amino acid occupying a position. Amino acid substitutions may exchange a native amino acid for another naturally-occurring amino acid, or

for a non-naturally-occurring amino acid derivative. In one embodiment, the variant is a deletion variant, for example a fragment of a parent protease or parent alpha-amylase. The protease variants have at least 20%, *e.g.*, at least 40%, at least 50%, at least 60%, at least 70%, at least 80%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 100% of the protease activity of the mature parent protease from which they have been derived. Likewise, the alpha-amylase variants have at least 20%, *e.g.*, at least 40%, at least 50%, at least 60%, at least 70%, at least 80%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 100% of the alpha-amylase activity of the mature parent alpha-amylase from which they have been derived.

The term "isolated variant" means a variant that is modified by the hand of man. In one aspect, the variant is at least 1% pure, *e.g.*, at least 5% pure, at least 10% pure, at least 20% pure, at least 40% pure, at least 60% pure, at least 80% pure, and at least 90% pure, as determined by SDS PAGE.

The term "parent protease" means a protease to which an alteration is made to produce the protease variants. Thus, the parent protease is a protease having the identical amino acid sequence of said protease variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions. It will be understood, that in the present context the expression "having identical amino acid sequence" relates to 100 % sequence identity. Similarly, the term "parent alpha-amylase" refers to an alpha-amylase to which an alteration is made to produce the alpha-amylase variant. Thus, the parent alpha-amylase is an alpha-amylase having the identical amino acid sequence of said alpha-amylase variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions. Therefore, the parent, being either a parent protease or parent alpha-amylase, may be a naturally occurring (wild-type) polypeptide or a variant thereof. In a particular embodiment, the parent is a protease with at least 70%, at least 72%, at least 73%, at least 74%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95%, at least 96%, at least 97%, at least 98%, at least 99%, *e.g.* at least 99.1%, at least 99.2%, at least 99.3%, at least 99.4%, at least 99.5%, at least 99.6 or 100% identity to a polypeptide with SEQ ID NO: 1. In further embodiments, the parent alpha-amylase is an alpha-amylase as defined in any of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9. In one embodiment, the parent is an alpha-amylase with at least 70%, at least 72%, at least 73%, at least 74%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 81%, at least 82%, at least 83%, at least 84%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 91%, at least 92%, at least 93%, at least 94%, at least 95%, at least 96%, at least 97%, at least 98%, at least 99%, *e.g.* at least 99.1%, at least 99.2%, at least 99.3%, at least 99.4%, at least 99.5%, at least 99.6 or 100% identity to a polypeptide with any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9.

The term "wild-type protease" means a protease expressed by a naturally occurring organism, such as a bacterium, archaea, yeast, fungus, plant or animal found in nature.

The term "wild-type alpha-amylase" means an alpha-amylase expressed by a naturally occurring microorganism, such as a bacterium, yeast, or filamentous fungus found in nature.

5 The term "nucleic acid construct" means a nucleic acid molecule, either single- or double-stranded, which is isolated from a naturally occurring gene or is modified to contain segments of nucleic acids in a manner that would not otherwise exist in nature or which is synthetic. The term nucleic acid construct is synonymous with the term "expression cassette" when the nucleic acid construct contains the control sequences required for expression of a coding sequence of the present invention.

10 The term "operably linked" means a configuration in which a control sequence is placed at an appropriate position relative to the coding sequence of a polynucleotide such that the control sequence directs the expression of the coding sequence.

The term "control sequences" means all components necessary for the expression of a polynucleotide encoding a variant of the present invention. Each control sequence may be native or foreign to the polynucleotide encoding the variant or native or foreign to each other.
15 Such control sequences include, but are not limited to, a leader, polyadenylation sequence, propeptide sequence, promoter, signal peptide sequence, and transcription terminator. At a minimum, the control sequences include a promoter, and transcriptional and translational stop signals. The control sequences may be provided with linkers for the purpose of introducing specific restriction sites facilitating ligation of the control sequences with the coding region of the polynucleotide encoding a variant.
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The term "expression" includes any step involved in the production of the variant including, but not limited to, transcription, post-transcriptional modification, translation, post-translational modification, and secretion.

25 The term "expression vector" means a linear or circular DNA molecule that comprises a polynucleotide encoding a variant and is operably linked to additional nucleotides that provide for its expression.

30 The term "transcription promoter" is used for a promoter which is a region of DNA that facilitates the transcription of a particular gene. Transcription promoters are typically located near the genes they regulate, on the same strand and upstream (towards the 5' region of the sense strand).

The term "transcription terminator" is used for a section of the genetic sequence that marks the end of gene or operon on genomic DNA for transcription.

35 The term "host cell" means any cell type that is susceptible to transformation, transfection, transduction, and the like with a nucleic acid construct or expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention. The term "host cell" encompasses any progeny of a parent cell that is not identical to the parent cell due to mutations that occur during replication.

The relatedness between two amino acid sequences or between two nucleotide sequences is described by the parameter "sequence identity". For purposes of the present invention, the degree of sequence identity between two amino acid sequences is determined using the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm (Needleman and Wunsch, 1970, J. Mol. Biol. 48: 443-453) as implemented in the Needle program of the EMBOSS package (EMBOSS: The European Molecular Biology Open Software Suite, Rice et al., 2000, Trends Genet. 16: 276-277), preferably version 3.0.0 or later. The optional parameters used are gap open penalty of 10, gap extension penalty of 0.5, and the EBLOSUM62 (EMBOSS version of BLOSUM62) substitution matrix. The output of Needle labeled "longest identity" (obtained using the `-nobrief` option) is used as the percent identity and is calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Identical Residues} \times 100) / (\text{Length of Alignment} - \text{Total Number of Gaps in Alignment})$$

The term "improved property" when referring to a protease variant herein, means a characteristic associated with a variant that is improved compared to the parent or compared to a protease with SEQ ID NO: 1, or compared to a protease having the identical amino acid sequence of said variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions. Such improved properties include, but are not limited to, wash performance, protease activity, thermal activity profile, thermostability, pH activity profile, pH stability, substrate/cofactor specificity, improved surface properties, product specificity, increased stability, improved stability under storage conditions, and chemical stability.

The term "improved protease activity" is defined herein as an altered protease activity (as defined above) e.g. by increased protein conversion of a protease variant displaying an alteration of the activity relative (or compared) to the activity of the parent protease, or compared to a protease with SEQ ID NO: 1, or relative to a protease having the identical amino acid sequence of said protease variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions.

The term "improved property" when referring to an alpha-amylase variant herein, refers to a characteristic associated with an alpha-amylase variant that is improved compared to the parent alpha-amylase, e.g. a parent alpha-amylase having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, or compared to an alpha-amylase having the identical amino acid sequence of said variant but not having the alteration at one or more of said specified positions. Such improved properties include, but are not limited to, wash performance, alpha-amylase activity, thermal activity profile, thermostability, pH activity profile, pH stability, substrate specificity, improved surface properties, product specificity, increased stability, improved stability under storage conditions, and chemical stability.

The term "improved alpha-amylase activity" is defined herein as an altered alpha-amylase activity (as defined above), e.g., by increased polysaccharide conversion of an alpha-amylase variant displaying an alteration of the activity relative (or compared) to the activity of

the parent alpha-amylase, or compared to an alpha-amylase with SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, or relative to an alpha-amylase having the identical amino acid sequence of said alpha-amylase variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions.

5 The term "stability" includes storage stability and stability during use, e.g. during a wash process and reflects the stability of the protease variant according to the invention as a function of time e.g. how much activity is retained when the protease variant is kept in solution in particular in a detergent solution. The stability is influenced by many factors e.g. pH, temperature, detergent composition e.g. amount of builder, surfactants etc. The term "improved stability" or "increased stability" is defined herein as a variant being either a protease variant or
10 an alpha-amylase variant displaying an increased stability in solutions, relative to the stability of the parent protease or parent alpha-amylase, relative to a protease or an alpha-amylase having the identical amino acid sequence of said variant but not having the alterations at one or more of said specified positions or relative to SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, depending on which parent polypeptide the variant has been derived from. The terms "improved stability" and
15 "increased stability" includes "improved chemical stability", "detergent stability" or "improved detergent stability". Enzyme stability may be measured as described in the Examples.

The term "improved chemical stability" is defined herein as a variant enzyme displaying retention of enzymatic activity after a period of incubation in the presence of a chemical or chemicals, either naturally occurring or synthetic, which reduces the enzymatic activity of the
20 parent enzyme. Improved chemical stability may also result in variants being more able to catalyze a reaction in the presence of such chemicals. In a particular aspect of the invention the improved chemical stability is an improved stability in a detergent, in particular in a liquid detergent. The term "detergent stability" or "improved detergent stability" is in particular an improved stability of the enzyme activity when an enzyme variant is mixed into a liquid detergent
25 formulation, especially into a liquid detergent formulation according to table 1 and then stored at temperatures between 15 and 50 °C, e.g. 20°C, 30°C or 40°C for at least one week.

The term "improved thermal activity" means a variant displaying an altered temperature-dependent activity profile at a specific temperature relative to the temperature-dependent activity profile of the parent or relative to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9.
30 The thermal activity value provides a measure of the variant's efficiency in enhancing catalysis of a hydrolysis reaction over a range of temperatures.

The term "improved wash performance" is defined herein as a variant displaying an improved wash performance relative to the wash performance of the parent enzyme. The term "wash performance" includes wash performance in laundry but also e.g. in dish wash. The wash
35 performance may be quantified as described under the definition of "wash performance" herein. In a particular embodiment, the detergent composition of the present invention has an improved wash performance when compared to a detergent composition comprising only a protease

variant or an alpha-amylase variant. Thus, it is believed that the detergent composition comprising both a protease and an alpha-amylase variant have a beneficial effect on wash performance. In another particular embodiment, the protease and alpha-amylase variants may show synergy and thereby, provide a detergent composition having an even further improved wash performance when compared to a detergent composition comprising only one of the enzymes.

The term "detergent composition", includes unless otherwise indicated, granular or powder-form all-purpose or heavy-duty washing agents, especially cleaning detergents; liquid, gel or paste-form all-purpose washing agents, especially the so-called heavy-duty liquid (HDL) types; liquid fine-fabric detergents; hand dishwashing agents or light duty dishwashing agents, especially those of the high-foaming type; machine dishwashing agents, including the various tablet, granular, liquid and rinse-aid types for household and institutional use; liquid cleaning and disinfecting agents, including antibacterial hand-wash types, cleaning bars, soap bars, mouthwashes, denture cleaners, car or carpet shampoos, bathroom cleaners; hair shampoos and hair-rinses; shower gels, foam baths; metal cleaners; as well as cleaning auxiliaries such as bleach additives and "stain-stick" or pre-treat types. The terms "detergent composition" and "detergent formulation" are used in reference to mixtures which are intended for use in a wash medium for the cleaning of soiled objects. In some embodiments, the term is used in reference to laundering fabrics and/or garments (e.g., "laundry detergents"). In alternative embodiments, the term refers to other detergents, such as those used to clean dishes, cutlery, etc. (e.g., "dishwashing detergents"). It is not intended that the present invention be limited to any particular detergent formulation or composition. The term "detergent composition" is not intended to be limited to compositions that comprise surfactants. It is intended that in addition to the variants herein described, the detergents compositions may comprise, e.g., builders, chelators or chelating agents, bleach system or bleach components, polymers, fabric conditioners, foam boosters, suds suppressors, dyes, perfume, tannish inhibitors, optical brighteners, bactericides, fungicides, soil suspending agents, anti-corrosion agents, enzyme inhibitors or stabilizers, enzyme activators, transferase(s), hydrolytic enzymes, oxido reductases, bluing agents and fluorescent dyes, antioxidants, and/or solubilizers.

The term "concentrate" or "additive", used in the context of the detergent compositions of the invention, encompasses concentrated enzyme compositions (comprising a protease and/or an alpha-amylase as defined herein) which may be used in the production of the detergent compositions of the invention. Such concentrates and additives may optionally comprise a surfactant.

The term "fabric" encompasses any textile material. Thus, it is intended that the term encompass garments, as well as fabrics, yarns, fibres, non-woven materials, natural materials, synthetic materials, and any other textile material.

The term "textile" refers to woven fabrics, as well as staple fibres and filaments suitable for conversion to or use as yarns, woven, knit, and non-woven fabrics. The term encompasses yarns made from natural, as well as synthetic (*e.g.*, manufactured) fibres. The term, "textile materials" is a general term for fibres, yarn intermediates, yarn, fabrics, and products made from fabrics (*e.g.*, garments and other articles).

The term "non-fabric detergent compositions" include non-textile surface detergent compositions, including but not limited to compositions for hard surface cleaning, such as dishwashing detergent compositions, oral detergent compositions, denture detergent compositions, and personal cleansing compositions.

The term "effective amount of enzyme" refers to the quantity of enzyme necessary to achieve the enzymatic activity required in the specific application, *e.g.*, in a defined detergent composition. Such effective amounts are readily ascertained by one of ordinary skill in the art and are based on many factors, such as the particular enzyme used, the cleaning application, the specific composition of the detergent composition, and whether a liquid or dry (*e.g.*, granular, bar) composition is required, and the like. The term "effective amount" of a variant refers to the quantity of variant described hereinbefore that achieves a desired level of enzymatic activity, *e.g.*, in a defined detergent composition. In one embodiment, the effective amount of a protease variant is the same effective amount of an alpha-amylase, such as an alpha-amylase variant. In another embodiment, the effective amount of a protease variant is different than the effective amount of an alpha-amylase, such as an alpha-amylase variant, *e.g.*, the effective amount of a protease variant may be more or may be less than the effective amount of an alpha-amylase, such as an alpha-amylase variant.

The term "water hardness" or "degree of hardness" or "dH" or "°dH" as used herein refers to German degrees of hardness. One degree is defined as 10 milligrams of calcium oxide per litre of water.

The term "relevant washing conditions" is used herein to indicate the conditions, particularly washing temperature, time, washing mechanics, detergent concentration, type of detergent and water hardness, actually used in households in a detergent market segment.

The term "adjunct materials" means any liquid, solid or gaseous material selected for the particular type of detergent composition desired and the form of the product (*e.g.*, liquid, granule, powder, bar, paste, spray, tablet, gel, or foam composition), which materials are also preferably compatible with the enzymes used in the composition. In some embodiments, granular compositions are in "compact" form, while in other embodiments, the liquid compositions are in a "concentrated" form.

The term "stain removing enzyme" as used herein, describes an enzyme that aids the removal of a stain or soil from a fabric or a hard surface. Stain removing enzymes act on specific substrates, *e.g.*, protease on protein, amylase on starch, lipase and cutinase on lipids

(fats and oils), pectinase on pectin and hemicellulases on hemicellulose. Stains are often depositions of complex mixtures of different components which either results in a local discolouration of the material by itself or which leaves a sticky surface on the object which may attract soils dissolved in the washing liquor thereby resulting in discolouration of the stained area. When an enzyme acts on its specific substrate present in a stain the enzyme degrades or partially degrades its substrate thereby aiding the removal of soils and stain components associated with the substrate during the washing process. For example, when a protease acts on a grass stain it degrades the protein components in the grass and allows the green/brown colour to be released during washing.

10 The term “reduced amount” means in this context that the amount of the component is smaller than the amount which would be used in a reference process under otherwise the same conditions. In a preferred embodiment the amount is reduced by, e.g., at least 5%, such as at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20% or as otherwise herein described.

15 The term “low detergent concentration” system includes detergents where less than about 800 ppm of detergent components is present in the wash water. Asian, e.g., Japanese detergents are typically considered low detergent concentration systems.

20 The term “medium detergent concentration” system includes detergents wherein between about 800 ppm and about 2000 ppm of detergent components is present in the wash water. North American detergents are generally considered to be medium detergent concentration systems.

The term “high detergent concentration” system includes detergents wherein greater than about 2000 ppm of detergent components is present in the wash water. European detergents are generally considered to be high detergent concentration systems.

25 It is within the knowledge of the skilled person to know how to align amino acid sequences in order to determine which amino acid in a particular position referred to herein “corresponds to” in another amino acid sequence not listed herein. Thus, the term “position corresponding to” as used herein, is well-known within the art.

30 The term “liquid laundry detergent composition” as used herein refers to a detergent composition which is in a stabilized liquid form and used in a method for laundering a fabric. Thus, the detergent composition has been formulated to be in fluid form.

The term “powder laundry detergent composition” as used herein refers to a detergent composition which is in a solid form, such as a granulate, non-dusting granulate or powder, which is used in a method for laundering a fabric.

35 The term “liquid dishwash detergent composition” as used herein refers to a detergent composition which is in a stabilized liquid form and used in dishwash. Dishwash may be any kind of dishwash, such as manual dishwash and such as automated dishwash (ADW).

The term "powder dishwash detergent composition" as used herein refers to a detergent composition which is in a solid form, such as a granulate, powder or compact unit and used in dishwash. A powder dishwash detergent composition is typically used in automated dishwash, but the used is not limited to such ADW, and may also be intended for used in any other kind of
5 dishwash, such as manual dishwash.

Conventions for Designation of Variants

For purposes of the present invention, the mature polypeptides disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are used to determine the corresponding amino acid residue in
10 another polypeptide. The amino acid sequence of another polypeptide is aligned with the mature polypeptide disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 depending on whether it is a protease or an alpha-amylase, and based on the alignment, the amino acid position number corresponding to any amino acid residue in the mature polypeptide disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 is determined using the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm (Needleman and
15 Wunsch, 1970, J. Mol. Biol. 48: 443-453) as implemented in the Needle program of the EMBOSS package (EMBOSS: The European Molecular Biology Open Software Suite, Rice et al., 2000, Trends Genet. 16: 276-277), preferably version 5.0.0 or later. The parameters used are gap open penalty of 10, gap extension penalty of 0.5, and the EBLOSUM62 (EMBOSS version of BLOSUM62) substitution matrix.

20 Identification of the corresponding amino acid residue in another protease can be determined by an alignment of multiple polypeptide sequences using several computer programs including, but not limited to, MUSCLE (multiple sequence comparison by log-expectation; version 3.5 or later; Edgar, 2004, Nucleic Acids Research 32: 1792-1797), MAFFT (version 6.857 or later; Katoh and Kuma, 2002, Nucleic Acids Research 30: 3059-3066;
25 Katoh et al., 2005, Nucleic Acids Research 33: 511-518; Katoh and Toh, 2007, Bioinformatics 23: 372-374; Katoh et al., 2009, Methods in Molecular Biology 537: 39-64; Katoh and Toh, 2010, Bioinformatics 26: 1899-1900), and EMBOSS EMMA employing ClustalW (1.83 or later; Thompson et al., 1994, Nucleic Acids Research 22: 4673-4680), using their respective default parameters.

30 When the other enzyme has diverged from the mature polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 such that traditional sequence-based comparison fails to detect their relationship (Lindahl and Elofsson, 2000, J. Mol. Biol. 295: 613-615), other pairwise sequence comparison algorithms may be used. Greater sensitivity in sequence-based searching can be attained using search programs that utilize probabilistic representations of polypeptide families
35 (profiles) to search databases. For example, the PSI BLAST program generates profiles through an iterative database search process and is capable of detecting remote homologs (Atschul et al., 1997, Nucleic Acids Res. 25: 3389-3402). Even greater sensitivity can be achieved if the

family or superfamily for the polypeptide has one or more representatives in the protein structure databases. Programs such as GenTHREADER (Jones, 1999, J. Mol. Biol. 287: 797-815; McGuffin and Jones, 2003, Bioinformatics 19: 874-881) utilize information from a variety of sources (PSI BLAST, secondary structure prediction, structural alignment profiles, and solvation potentials) as input to a neural network that predicts the structural fold for a query sequence. Similarly, the method of Gough et al., 2000, J. Mol. Biol. 313: 903-919, can be used to align a sequence of unknown structure with the superfamily models present in the SCOP database. These alignments can in turn be used to generate homology models for the polypeptide, and such models can be assessed for accuracy using a variety of tools developed for that purpose.

For proteins of known structure, several tools and resources are available for retrieving and generating structural alignments. For example the SCOP super families of proteins have been structurally aligned, and those alignments are accessible and downloadable. Two or more protein structures can be aligned using a variety of algorithms such as the distance alignment matrix (Holm and Sander, 1998, Proteins 33: 88-96) or combinatorial extension (Shindyalov and Bourne, 1998, Protein Engineering 11: 739-747), and implementation of these algorithms can additionally be utilized to query structure databases with a structure of interest in order to discover possible structural homologs (e.g., Holm and Park, 2000, Bioinformatics 16: 566-567).

It is within the knowledge of the skilled person to determine which alignment tool to use when corresponding amino acid positions must be identified. Therefore, it is contemplated that any available alignment tool that the skilled person find suitable may be used in the context of the present invention.

In describing the enzyme variants described herein, the nomenclature described below is adapted for ease of reference. The accepted IUPAC single letter or three letters amino acid abbreviations are employed. Amino acid positions are indicated with #1, #2, etc.

Substitutions: For an amino acid substitution, the following nomenclature is used: Original amino acid, position, substituted amino acid. Accordingly, the substitution of serine at position #1 with tryptophan is designated as "Ser#1Trp" or "S#1W". Multiple mutations are separated by addition marks ("+") or by commas (","), e.g., "Ser#1Trp + Ser#2Pro" or S#1W, S#2P, representing substitutions at positions #1 and #2 of serine (S) with tryptophan (W) and proline (P), respectively. If more than one amino acid may be substituted in a given position these are listed in brackets, such as [X] or {X}. Thus if both Trp and Lys according to the invention may be substituted instead of the amino acid occupying at position #1 this is indicated as X#1 {W, K} or X#2 [W, K] where the X indicate that different enzymes may be parent e.g. such as a protease with SEQ ID NO: 1 or a protease having at least 75% identity hereto. Thus, in some cases the variants are represented as #1 {W, K} or X#2P indicating that the amino acids to be substituted vary depending on the parent.

Deletions: For an amino acid deletion, the following nomenclature is used: Original amino acid, position, *. Accordingly, the deletion of serine at position #1 is designated as "Ser#1*" or "S#1*". Multiple deletions are separated by addition marks ("+") or commas, e.g., "Ser#1* + Ser#2*" or "S#1*, S#2*".

5 Insertions: The insertion of an additional amino acid residue such as e.g. a lysine after G#1 may be indicated by: Gly#1GlyLys or G#1GK. Alternatively insertion of an additional amino acid residue such as lysine after G#1 may be indicated by: *#1aL. When more than one amino acid residue is inserted, such as e.g. a Lys, and Ala after #1 this may be indicated as: Gly#1GlyLysAla or G#1GKA. In such cases, the inserted amino acid residue(s) may also be
10 numbered by the addition of lower case letters to the position number of the amino acid residue preceding the inserted amino acid residue(s), in this example: *#1aK *#1bA.

Collectively, substitutions, deletions, and insertions may herein termed "modifications". Thus, it is to be understood that any variant described herein comprises modifications, such as substitutions, deletions and/or insertions unless otherwise indicated by context.

15 Multiple modifications: Variants comprising multiple modifications are separated by addition marks ("+"), division marks ("/"), or by commas (","), e.g., "Ser#1Trp+Ser#2Pro" or "S#1W, S#2P" representing a substitution of serine at positions #1 and #2 with tryptophan and proline, respectively as described above.

Different modifications: Where different modifications can be introduced at a position, the
20 different alterations are separated by a division ("/"), or by a comma (","), e.g., "Ser#1Trp, Lys" or S#1W, K represents a substitution of serine at position #1 with tryptophan or lysine. Thus, "Ser#1Trp, Lys + Ser#2Asp" designates the following variants: "Ser#1Trp+Ser#2Pro", "Ser#1Lys+Ser#2Pro" or S#1W, K + S#2D.

25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect, the present invention relates to a detergent composition comprising:

(a) a polypeptide having protease activity comprising or consisting of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1

30 AQSVPWGIRRVQAPTAHNRGLTGSGVKVAVLDTGISTHPDLNIRGGASFVPGEPSTQDENGH
GTHAAGTIAALNNSIGVLGVAPSAELYAVKVLGASGSGSVSSIAQGLEWAGNNGMHVANLSLG
SPSPSATLEQAVNSATSRGVLVVAASGNSGAGSISYPARYANAMAVGATDQNNNRASFYSQYG
PGLDIVAPGVNIQSTYPGSTYASLNGTSMATPHVAGAAALVKQKNPSWSNVRIRNHLKNTATSL
GSTDLYGSGLVNAEAATR [SEQ ID NO:1]

or a variant thereof which exhibits protease activity,

35 (b) a polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity; and

(c) a surfactant,

or concentrate or additive for making the same.

Thus, in one embodiment, the polypeptide having protease activity consists of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

In an alternative embodiment, the polypeptide having protease activity consists of a fragment of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. Suitable fragments may comprise at least 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1, for example at least 150 contiguous amino acids, 200 contiguous amino acids, 225 contiguous amino acids, or at least 250 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1

In a further alternative embodiment, the polypeptide having protease activity consists of a protease variant of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. Suitable protease variants may have an amino acid sequence identity of at least 70% compared to SEQ ID NO:1, for example at least 80%, at least 90% or at least 95% sequence identity compared to SEQ ID NO:1. Thus, the number of modifications in said protease variant relative to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 may be from 1 to 20, for example 1 to 10 and 1 to 5, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 modifications.

A second component of the detergent compositions of the invention is a polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity. For example, the alpha-amylase may be a variant of a parent alpha-amylase according to any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9. Suitable variants may have an amino acid sequence identity of at least 70% compared to any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9, for example at least 80%, at least 90% or at least 95% sequence identity compared to any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9. Thus, the number of modifications in said variant relative to the amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 to 9 may be from 1 to 20, for example 1 to 10 and 1 to 5, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 modifications.

In certain embodiments, the polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity may be selected from the group consisting of:

(A) is an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 9, 118, 149, 182, 186, 195, 202, 257, 295, 299, 320, 323, 339, 345, and 458, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO:2;

(B) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 140, 195, 183, 184, and 206, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 3;

(C) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 180, 181, 243, and 475, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 4;

(D) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 178, 179, 187, 203, 458, 459, 460, and 476, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 5;

(E) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 comprising a modification in the following position 202, wherein the position corresponds to position in SEQ ID NO:6;

5 (F) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 405, 421, 422, and 428, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 7;

(G) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 48, 49, 107, 156, 181, 190, 209, and 264 of SEQ ID NO: 8; and

10 (H) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 1, 54, 56, 72, 109, 113, 116, 134, 140, 159, 167, 169, 172, 173, 174, 181, 182, 183, 184, 189, 194, 195, 206, 255, 260, 262, 265, 284, 289, 304, 305, 347, 391, 395, 439, 469, 444, 473, 476, and 477 of SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein said alpha-amylase variant has a sequence identity of at least 75% but less than 100%
15 to SEQ ID NO: 9 and wherein said alpha-amylase variant has alpha-amylase activity.

Thus, the detergent composition of the invention may comprise:

- (i) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 9, 118, 149, 182,
20 186, 195, 202, 257, 295, 299, 320, 323, 339, 345, and 458, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 140, 195, 183,
25 184, and 206, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 3;
- (iii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 180, 181, 243, and 475, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 4;
- 30 (iv) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 178, 179, 187, 203, 458, 459, 460, and 476, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 5;
- 35 (v) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6

comprising a modification in the following position 202, wherein the position corresponds to position in SEQ ID NO:6;

- 5 (vi) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 405, 421, 422, and 428, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 7;
- 10 (vii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 48, 49, 107, 156, 181, 190, 209, and 264 of SEQ ID NO: 8; or
- 15 (viii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 1, 54, 56, 72, 109, 113, 116, 134, 140, 159, 167, 169, 172, 173, 174, 181, 182, 183, 184, 189, 194, 195, 206, 255, 260, 262, 265, 284, 289, 304, 305, 347, 391, 395, 439, 469, 444, 473, 476, and 477 of SEQ ID NO: 19, wherein said alpha-amylase variant has a sequence identity of at least 75% but less than 100% to SEQ ID NO: 9 and wherein said alpha-amylase variant has alpha-amylase activity.

In a preferred embodiment, the detergent composition of the invention may comprise:

- 20 (i) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising the modifications R118K+D183*+G184*+N195F+R320K+R458K or comprising the modifications M9L+R118K+G149A+G182T+G186A+D(D183-G184)+N195F+M202L+T257I+Y295F+N299Y+R320K+M323T+A339S+E345R+R458K, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO:2;
- 25 (ii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprising the modifications D183*+G184*+W140Y+ N195F+I206Y, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 3;
- 30 (iii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprising the modifications R180*+S181*+ S243Q+G475K+CBM*, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 4;
- 35 (iv) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 comprising the modifications R178*+G179*+E187P+

I203Y+R458N+T459S+D460T+G476K, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 5;

(v) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 comprising the modification M202L, wherein the position corresponds to the position in SEQ ID NO:6;

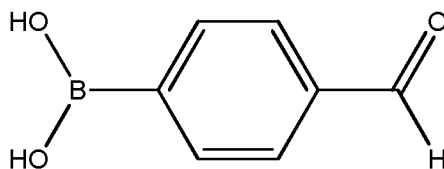
(vi) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 comprising the modifications I405L+A421H+A422P+ A428T, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 7; or

(vii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 together with an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 comprising the modifications (1-35)BAN+ G48A+T49I+G107A+H156Y+A181T+N190F+L201F+A209V+Q264S of SEQ ID NO: 8.

The protease and alpha-amylase variants may be added to a detergent composition in an amount corresponding to 0.001-100 mg of protein, such as 0.01-100 mg of protein, preferably 0.005-50 mg of protein, more preferably 0.01-25 mg of protein, even more preferably 0.05-10 mg of protein, most preferably 0.05-5 mg of protein, and even most preferably 0.01-1 mg of protein per litre of wash liquid.

Besides enzymes the detergent compositions according to the invention may comprise additional components. The choice of additional components is within the skill of the artisan and includes conventional ingredients, including the exemplary non-limiting components set forth below. The choice of components may include, for fabric care, the consideration of the type of fabric to be cleaned, the type and/or degree of soiling, the temperature at which cleaning is to take place, and the formulation of the detergent product. Although components mentioned below are categorized by general header according to a particular functionality, this is not to be construed as a limitation, as a component may comprise additional functionalities as will be appreciated by the skilled artisan.

The protease and alpha-amylase polypeptides may be stabilized using stabilizing agents, which may be selected from the group containing propylene glycol, glycerol, a sugar, a sugar alcohol, lactic acid, boric acid, borate and phenyl boronic acid derivatives, such as those where the residue R in the phenyl boronic acid derivative is a C₁-C₆ alkyl group and among these, more preferably, CH₃, CH₃CH₂ or CH₃CH₂CH₂. The residue R in the phenyl boronic acid derivative may also be hydrogen. One example of a phenyl boronic acid derivative is 4-formylphenylboronic acid (4-FPBA) with the following formula:



Phenyl boronic acid derivatives may furthermore have other chemical modifications on the phenyl ring, and in particular they can contain one or more methyl, amino, nitro, chloro, fluoro, bromo, hydroxyl, formyl, ethyl, acetyl, t-butyl, anisyl, benzyl, trifluoroacetyl, N-hydroxysuccinimide, t-butyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl, 4-methylbenzyl, thioanisyl, thiocresyl, benzyloxymethyl, 4-nitrophenyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, 2-nitrobenzoyl, 2-nitrophenylsulfenyl, 4-toluenesulfonyl, pentafluorophenyl, diphenylmethyl, 2-chlorobenzoyloxycarbonyl, 2,4,5-trichlorophenyl, 2-bromobenzoyloxycarbonyl, 9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl, triphenylmethyl, 2,2,5,7,8-pentamethylchroman-6-sulfonyl residues or groups or combinations thereof. All stabilizing agents may be present in the detergent composition of the present invention in all protonated or deprotonated forms. Furthermore, all such compounds, in particular their deprotonated forms, can be associated with cations. Preferred cations in this respect are monovalent or polyvalent, in particular divalent, cations, in particular Na ions (Na⁺), K ions (K⁺), Li ions (Li⁺), Ca ions (Ca²⁺), Mg ions (Mg²⁺), Mn ions (Mn²⁺) and Zn ions (Zn²⁺). The detergent compositions of the present invention may comprise two or more stabilizing agents e.g. such as those selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerol, 4-formylphenyl boronic acid and borate. One example is a detergent composition of the present invention comprising 4-formylphenyl boronic acid and/or borate. The phenyl boronic acid derivative may be contained in the detergent composition in a quantity of from 0.00001 to 5.0 wt%, preferably from 0.0001 to 3.0 wt%, from 0.001 to 2.0 wt%, from 0.005 to 1.0 wt%, from 0.01 to 0.5 wt%, from 0.02 to 0.3 wt%. Preferably, the boric acid / borate is contained in a quantity of from 0.001 to 5.5 wt.% and increasingly preferably of from 0.01 to 4.5 wt.%, from 0.05 to 3.5 and from 0.1 to 3, 0.4 to 2.49, 0.5 to 1.5 wt.% in the detergent composition. Addition of a combination of borate and 4-formylphenyl boronic acid has been found to be particularly effective, leading to a high increase in enzyme stability in detergent compositions. Preferably, the boric acid / borate is contained in a quantity of from 0.001 to 5.5 wt.% and increasingly preferably from 0.075 to 4.5 wt.%, from 0.09 to 3.5 and from 0.1 to 2.49 wt.%, and the phenyl boronic acid derivative is contained in a quantity of from 0.001 to 0.08 wt.% and increasingly preferably from 0.003 to 0.06 wt.%, from 0.005 to 0.05 wt.%, from 0.007 to 0.03 wt.% and from 0.009 to 0.01 wt.% in a detergent composition. Particularly preferred is the addition of 4-formylphenyl boronic acid in an amount of 1.0 to 2.0 wt% in combination with 1.0 wt% borate.

The detergent composition according to the invention may comprise protease and alpha-amylase polypeptides which may also be stabilized using peptide aldehydes or ketones such as

described in WO 2005/105826 and WO 2009/118375. Another example of detergent compositions according to the invention relates to a detergent composition comprising a protease and alpha-amylase variant as described herein, wherein the detergent formulation is as disclosed in WO 97/07202, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

5 Other components of the detergent composition according to the present invention may be surfactants. Thus, the detergent composition according to the present invention may comprise one or more surfactants, which may be anionic and/or cationic and/or non-ionic and/or semi-polar and/or zwitterionic, or a mixture thereof. In a particular embodiment, the detergent composition includes a mixture of one or more nonionic surfactants and one or more anionic
10 surfactants. Thus, the surfactant may be selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, nonionic surfactant, semi-polar surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants and amphoteric surfactants. The surfactant(s) is typically present at a level of from about 0.1% to 60% by weight, such as about 1% to about 40%, or about 3% to about 20%, or about 3% to about 10%. The surfactant(s) is chosen based on the desired cleaning application,
15 and includes any conventional surfactant(s) known in the art. Any surfactant known in the art for use in detergents may be utilized.

When an anionic surfactant is included, the detergent composition will usually contain from about 1% to about 40% by weight, such as from about 5% to about 30%, including from about 5% to about 15%, or from about 20% to about 25% of the anionic surfactant. Non-limiting
20 examples of anionic surfactants include sulfates and sulfonates, in particular, linear alkylbenzenesulfonates (LAS), isomers of LAS, branched alkylbenzenesulfonates (BABS), phenylalkanesulfonates, alpha-olefinsulfonates (AOS), olefin sulfonates, alkene sulfonates, alkane-2,3-diylbis(sulfates), hydroxyalkanesulfonates and disulfonates, alkyl sulfates (AS) such as sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), fatty alcohol sulfates (FAS), primary alcohol sulfates (PAS),
25 alcohol ethersulfates (AES or AEOS or FES, also known as alcohol ethoxysulfates or fatty alcohol ether sulfates), secondary alkanesulfonates (SAS), paraffin sulfonates (PS), ester sulfonates, sulfonated fatty acid glycerol esters, alpha-sulfo fatty acid methyl esters (alpha-SFMe or SES) including methyl ester sulfonate (MES), alkyl- or alkenylsuccinic acid, dodecenylyl/tetradecenylyl succinic acid (DTSA), fatty acid derivatives of amino acids, diesters and
30 monoesters of sulfo-succinic acid or soap, and combinations thereof.

When a cationic surfactant is included, the detergent composition will usually contain from about 1% to about 40% by weight of the cationic surfactant. Non-limiting examples of cationic surfactants include alkyl dimethyl ethanolamine quat (ADMEAQ), cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB), dimethyldistearylammonium chloride (DSDMAC), and
35 alkylbenzyl dimethylammonium, and combinations thereof, Alkyl quaternary ammonium compounds, Alkoxylated quaternary ammonium (AQA),

When a non-ionic surfactant is included, the detergent composition will usually contain from about 0.2% to about 40% by weight of the non-ionic surfactant, for example from about 0.5% to about 30%, in particular from about 1% to about 20%, from about 3% to about 10%, such as from about 3% to about 5%, or from about 8% to about 12%. Non-limiting examples of
5 non-ionic surfactants include alcohol ethoxylates (AE or AEO), alcohol propoxylates, propoxylated fatty alcohols (PFA), alkoxyated fatty acid alkyl esters, such as ethoxylated and/or propoxylated fatty acid alkyl esters, alkylphenol ethoxylates (APE), nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPE), alkylpolyglycosides (APG), alkoxyated amines, fatty acid monoethanolamides (FAM), fatty acid diethanolamides (FADA), ethoxylated fatty acid monoethanolamides (EFAM),
10 propoxylated fatty acid monoethanolamide (PFAM), polyhydroxy alkyl fatty acid amides, or N-acyl N-alkyl derivatives of glucosamine (glucamides, GA, or fatty acid glucamide, FAGA), as well as products available under the trade names SPAN and TWEEN, and combinations thereof.

When a semipolar surfactant is included, the detergent composition will usually contain
15 from about 1% to about 40% by weight of the semipolar surfactant. Non-limiting examples of semipolar surfactants include amine oxides (AO) such as alkyldimethylamineoxide, N-(coco alkyl)-N,N-dimethylamine oxide and N-(tallow-alkyl)-N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amine oxide, fatty acid alkanolamides and ethoxylated fatty acid alkanolamides, and combinations thereof.

When a zwitterionic surfactant is included, the detergent composition will usually contain
20 from about 1% to about 40% by weight of the zwitterionic surfactant. Non-limiting examples of zwitterionic surfactants include betaine, alkyldimethylbetaine, and sulfobetaine, and combinations thereof.

Yet another optional component of the detergent composition according to the present invention is hydrotropes.

25 A hydrotrope is a compound that solubilises hydrophobic compounds in aqueous solutions (or oppositely, polar substances in a non-polar environment). Typically, hydrotropes have both hydrophilic and a hydrophobic character (so-called amphiphilic properties as known from surfactants); however, the molecular structure of hydrotropes generally do not favor spontaneous self-aggregation, see e.g. review by Hodgdon and Kaler (2007), Current Opinion in
30 Colloid & Interface Science 12: 121-128. Hydrotropes do not display a critical concentration above which self-aggregation occurs as found for surfactants and lipids forming micellar, lamellar or other well defined meso-phases. Instead, many hydrotropes show a continuous-type aggregation process where the sizes of aggregates grow as concentration increases. However, many hydrotropes alter the phase behavior, stability, and colloidal properties of systems
35 containing substances of polar and non-polar character, including mixtures of water, oil, surfactants, and polymers. Hydrotropes are classically used across industries from pharma, personal care, food, to technical applications. Use of hydrotropes in detergent compositions

allow for example more concentrated formulations of surfactants (as in the process of compacting liquid detergents by removing water) without inducing undesired phenomena such as phase separation or high viscosity.

Thus, the detergent composition according to the present invention may comprise 0-5%
5 by weight, such as about 0.5 to about 5%, or about 3% to about 5%, of a hydrotrope. Any hydrotrope known in the art for use in detergents may be utilized. Non-limiting examples of hydrotropes include sodium benzene sulfonate, sodium p-toluene sulfonates (STS), sodium xylene sulfonates (SXS), sodium cumene sulfonates (SCS), sodium cymene sulfonate, amine oxides, alcohols and polyglycoethers, sodium hydroxynaphthoate, sodium hydroxynaphthalene
10 sulfonate, sodium ethylhexyl sulfate, and combinations thereof.

Another optional component of a detergent composition may be builders and/or co-builders. The term "builder" may be classified by the test described by M.K. Nagaraja et al., JAOCS, Vol. 61, no. 9 (September 1984), pp. 1475-1478 to determine the minimum builder level required to lower the water hardness at pH 8 from 2.0 mM (as CaCO₃) to 0.10 mM in a
15 solution. The builder may particularly be a chelating agent that forms water-soluble complexes with e.g. calcium and magnesium ions. The term "chelating agents" or "chelators" as used herein, refers to chemicals that form molecules with certain metal ions, inactivating the ions so that they cannot react with other elements thus a binding agent that suppresses chemical activity by forming chelates. Chelation is the formation or presence of two or more separate
20 bindings between a ligand and a single central atom. The ligand may be any organic compound, a silicate or a phosphate. Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the present invention may comprise about 0-65% by weight, such as about 5% to about 50% of a detergent builder or co-builder, or a mixture thereof. In a dish wash detergent, the level of builder is typically 40-65%, particularly 50-65%. The builder and/or co-builder may particularly
25 be a chelating agent that forms water-soluble complexes with Ca and Mg. Any builder and/or co-builder known in the art for use in laundry, ADW and hard surfaces cleaning detergents may be utilized. Non-limiting examples of builders include zeolites, diphosphates (pyrophosphates), triphosphates such as sodium triphosphate (STP or STPP), carbonates such as sodium carbonate, soluble silicates such as sodium metasilicate, layered silicates (e.g., SKS-6 from
30 Hoechst), ethanolamines such as 2-aminoethan-1-ol (MEA), iminodiethanol (DEA) and 2,2',2''-nitrilotriethanol (TEA), and carboxymethylinulin (CMI), and combinations thereof.

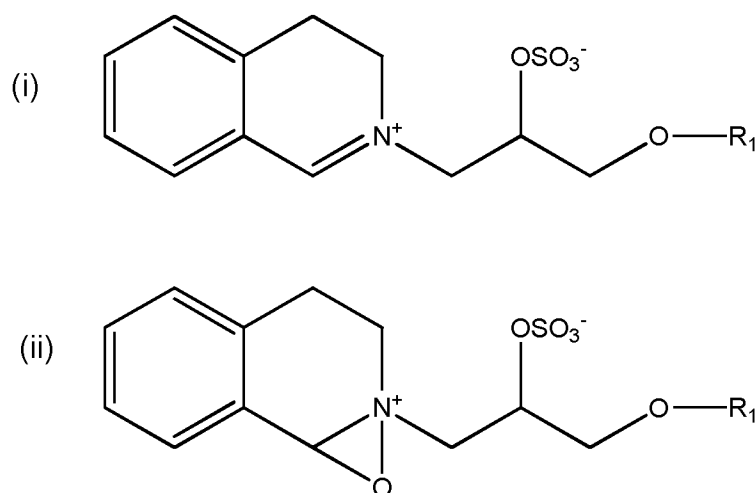
The detergent composition according to the present invention may also comprise 0-65% by weight, such as about 5% to about 40%, of a detergent co-builder, or a mixture thereof. The detergent composition may include a co-builder alone, or in combination with a builder, for
35 example a zeolite builder. Non-limiting examples of co-builders include homopolymers of polyacrylates or copolymers thereof, such as poly(acrylic acid) (PAA) or copoly(acrylic acid/maleic acid) (PAA/PMA). Further non-limiting examples include citrate, chelators such as

aminocarboxylates, aminopolycarboxylates and phosphonates, and alkyl- or alkenylsuccinic acid. Additional specific examples include 2,2',2''-nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA), ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid (DTPA), iminodisuccinic acid (IDS), ethylenediamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid (EDDS), methylglycinediacetic acid (MGDA), glutamic acid-N,N-diacetic acid (GLDA), 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diylbis(phosphonic acid) (HEDP), ethylenediaminetetrakis(methylene)tetrakis(phosphonic acid) (EDTMPA), diethylenetriaminepentakis(methylene)pentakis(phosphonic acid) (DTPMPA), N-(2-hydroxyethyl)iminodiacetic acid (EDG), aspartic acid-N-monoacetic acid (ASMA), aspartic acid-N,N-diacetic acid (ASDA), aspartic acid-N- monopropionic acid (ASMP), iminodisuccinic acid (IDA), N- (2-sulfomethyl) aspartic acid (SMAS), N- (2-sulfoethyl) aspartic acid (SEAS), N- (2-sulfomethyl) glutamic acid (SMGL), N- (2- sulfoethyl) glutamic acid (SEGL), N-methyliminodiacetic acid (MIDA), α - alanine-N,N-diacetic acid (α -ALDA), serine-N,N-diacetic acid (SEDA), isoserine-N,N-diacetic acid (ISDA), phenylalanine-N,N-diacetic acid (PHDA) , anthranilic acid- N ,N - diacetic acid (ANDA), sulfanilic acid-N, N-diacetic acid (SLDA) , taurine-N, N-diacetic acid (TUDA) and sulfomethyl-N,N-diacetic acid (SMDA), N-(hydroxyethyl)-ethylidenediaminetriacetate (HEDTA), diethanolglycine (DEG), Diethylenetriamine Penta (Methylene Phosphonic acid) (DTPMP), aminotris(methylenephosphonic acid) (ATMP), and combinations and salts thereof. Further exemplary builders and/or co-builders are described in, e.g., WO 09/102854, US 5977053.

Yet another optional component of the detergent composition may be bleaching systems. Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the present invention may comprise 0-10% by weight, such as about 1% to about 5%, of a bleaching system. Any bleaching system known in the art for use in laundry, ADW and hard surfaces cleaning detergents may be utilized. Suitable bleaching system components include bleaching catalysts, photobleaches, bleach activators, sources of hydrogen peroxide such as sodium percarbonate and sodium perborates, preformed peracids and mixtures thereof. Suitable preformed peracids include, but are not limited to, peroxydicarboxylic acids and salts, percarbonic acids and salts, perimidic acids and salts, peroxymonosulfuric acids and salts, for example, Oxone (R), and mixtures thereof. Non-limiting examples of bleaching systems include peroxide-based bleaching systems, which may comprise, for example, an inorganic salt, including alkali metal salts such as sodium salts of perborate (usually mono- or tetra-hydrate), percarbonate, persulfate, perphosphate, persilicate salts, in combination with a peracid-forming bleach activator. By bleach activator is meant herein a compound which reacts with peroxygen bleach like hydrogen peroxide to form a peracid. The peracid thus formed constitutes the activated bleach. Suitable bleach activators to be used herein include those belonging to the class of esters amides, imides or anhydrides. Suitable examples are tetracetyl ethylene diamine (TAED), sodium 3,5,5 trimethyl hexanoyloxybenzene sulphonat, diperoxy dodecanoic acid, 4-

(dodecanoyloxy)benzenesulfonate (LOBS), 4-(decanoyloxy)benzenesulfonate, 4-(decanoyloxy)benzoate (DOBS), 4-(3,5,5-trimethylhexanoyloxy)benzenesulfonate (ISONOBS), tetraacetythylenediamine (TAED) and 4-(nonanoyloxy)benzenesulfonate (NOBS), and/or those disclosed in WO98/17767. A particular family of bleach activators of interest was disclosed in EP624154 and particularly preferred in that family is acetyl triethyl citrate (ATC). ATC or a short chain triglyceride like Triacin has the advantage that it is environmental friendly as it eventually degrades into citric acid and alcohol. Furthermore, acetyl triethyl citrate and triacetin has a good hydrolytical stability in the product upon storage and it is an efficient bleach activator. Finally, ATC provides a good building capacity to the laundry additive. Alternatively, the bleaching system may comprise peroxyacids of, for example, the amide, imide, or sulfone type. The bleaching system may also comprise peracids such as 6-(phthaloylamino)percapronic acid (PAP). The bleaching system may also include a bleach catalyst. In some embodiments the bleach component may be an organic catalyst selected from the group consisting of organic catalysts having the following formulae:

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and mixtures thereof; wherein each R1 is independently a branched alkyl group containing from 9 to 24 carbons or linear alkyl group containing from 11 to 24 carbons, preferably each R1 is independently a branched alkyl group containing from 9 to 18 carbons or linear alkyl group containing from 11 to 18 carbons, more preferably each R1 is independently selected from the group consisting of 2-propylheptyl, 2-butyloctyl, 2-pentylnonyl, 2-hexyldecyl, n-dodecyl, n-tetradecyl, n-hexadecyl, n-octadecyl, iso-nonyl, iso-decyl, iso-tridecyl and iso-pentadecyl. Other exemplary bleaching systems are described, e.g., in WO2007/087258, WO2007/087244, WO2007/087259, WO2007/087242. Suitable photobleaches may for example be sulfonated zinc phthalocyanine

Another component of a detergent composition is polymers. Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the invention comprises a polymer.

Accordingly, the detergent composition according to the present invention may comprise 0-10% by weight, such as 0.5-5%, 2-5%, 0.5-2% or 0.2-1% of a polymer. Any polymer known in the art for use in detergents may be utilized. The polymer may function as a co-builder as mentioned above, or may provide antiredeposition, fiber protection, soil release, dye transfer inhibition, grease cleaning and/or anti-foaming properties. Some polymers may have more than one of the above-mentioned properties and/or more than one of the below-mentioned motifs. Exemplary polymers include (carboxymethyl)cellulose (CMC), poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA), poly(vinylpyrrolidone) (PVP), poly(ethyleneglycol) or poly(ethylene oxide) (PEG), ethoxylated poly(ethyleneimine), carboxymethyl inulin (CMI), and polycarboxylates such as PAA, PAA/PMA, poly-aspartic acid, and lauryl methacrylate/acrylic acid copolymers, hydrophobically modified CMC (HM-CMC) and silicones, copolymers of terephthalic acid and oligomeric glycols, copolymers of polyethylene terephthalate and polyoxyethene terephthalate (PET-POET), PVP, poly(vinylimidazole) (PVI), poly(vinylpyridin-N-oxide) (PVPO or PVPNO) and polyvinylpyrrolidone-vinylimidazole (PVPVI). Further exemplary polymers include sulfonated polycarboxylates, polyethylene oxide and polypropylene oxide (PEO-PPO) and diquaternium ethoxy sulfate. Other exemplary polymers are disclosed in, e.g., WO 2006/130575. Salts of the above-mentioned polymers are also contemplated.

Yet another component of detergent compositions may be fabric hueing agents. Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the invention comprises a fabric hueing agent.

The detergent composition according to the present invention may also comprise fabric hueing agents such as dyes or pigments which when formulated in detergent compositions can deposit onto a fabric when said fabric is contacted with a wash liquor comprising said detergent compositions thus altering the tint of said fabric through absorption/reflection of visible light. Fluorescent whitening agents emit at least some visible light. In contrast, fabric hueing agents alter the tint of a surface as they absorb at least a portion of the visible light spectrum. Suitable fabric hueing agents include dyes and dye-clay conjugates, and may also include pigments. Suitable dyes include small molecule dyes and polymeric dyes. Suitable small molecule dyes include small molecule dyes selected from the group consisting of dyes falling into the Colour Index (C.I.) classifications of Direct Blue, Direct Red, Direct Violet, Acid Blue, Acid Red, Acid Violet, Basic Blue, Basic Violet and Basic Red, or mixtures thereof, for example as described in WO2005/03274, WO2005/03275, WO2005/03276 and EP1876226 (hereby incorporated by reference). A detergent composition preferably comprises from about 0.00003 wt% to about 0.2 wt%, from about 0.00008 wt% to about 0.05 wt%, or even from about 0.0001 wt% to about 0.04 wt% fabric hueing agent. The composition may comprise from 0.0001 wt% to 0.2 wt% fabric hueing agent, this may be especially preferred when the composition is in the form of a unit

dose pouch. Suitable hueing agents are also disclosed in, e.g., WO 2007/087257, WO2007/087243.

Further Enzymes

5 In one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the invention comprises one or more enzymes, such as at least two enzymes, more preferred at least three, four or five enzymes. Preferably, the enzymes have different substrate specificity, e.g., proteolytic activity, amylolytic activity, lipolytic activity, hemicellulytic activity or pectolytic activity.

10 The detergent composition according to the invention may comprise one or more additional enzymes such as carbohydrate-active enzymes like carbohydrase, pectinase, mannanase, amylase, cellulase, arabinase, galactanase, xylanase, or protease, lipase, a cutinase, oxidase, e.g., a laccase, and/or peroxidase.

15 In general the properties of the selected enzyme(s) should be compatible with the selected detergent, (i.e., pH-optimum, compatibility with other enzymatic and non-enzymatic ingredients, etc.), and the enzyme(s) should be present in effective amounts.

Suitable cellulases include those of bacterial or fungal origin. Chemically modified or protein engineered mutants are included. Suitable cellulases include cellulases from the genera *Bacillus*, *Pseudomonas*, *Humicola*, *Fusarium*, *Thielavia*, *Acremonium*, e.g., the fungal cellulases produced from *Humicola insolens*, *Myceliophthora thermophila* and *Fusarium oxysporum* disclosed in US 4,435,307, US 5,648,263, US 5,691,178, US 5,776,757 and WO 89/09259.

20 Especially suitable cellulases are the alkaline or neutral cellulases having colour care benefits. Examples of such cellulases are cellulases described in EP 0 495 257, EP 0 531 372, WO 96/11262, WO 96/29397, WO 98/08940. Other examples are cellulase variants such as those described in WO 94/07998, EP 0 531 315, US 5,457,046, US 5,686,593, US 5,763,254, 25 WO 95/24471, WO 98/12307 and WO99/001544.

Other cellulases are endo-beta-1,4-glucanase enzyme having a sequence of at least 97% identity to the amino acid sequence of position 1 to position 773 of SEQ ID NO:2 of WO 2002/099091 or a family 44 xyloglucanase, which a xyloglucanase enzyme having a sequence of at least 60% identity to positions 40-559 of SEQ ID NO: 2 of WO 2001/062903.

30 Commercially available cellulases include Celluzyme™, and Carezyme™ (Novozymes A/S) Carezyme Premium™ (Novozymes A/S), Celluclean™ (Novozymes A/S), Celluclean Classic™ (Novozymes A/S), Cellusoft™ (Novozymes A/S), Whitezyme™ (Novozymes A/S), Clazinase™, and Puradax HA™ (Genencor International Inc.), and KAC-500(B)™ (Kao Corporation).

35 Suitable mannanases include those of bacterial or fungal origin. Chemically or genetically modified mutants are included. The mannanase may be an alkaline mannanase of Family 5 or 26. It may be a wild-type from *Bacillus* or *Humicola*, particularly *B. agaradhaerens*,

B. licheniformis, *B. halodurans*, *B. clausii*, or *H. insolens*. Suitable mannanases are described in WO 1999/064619. A commercially available mannanase is Mannaway (Novozymes A/S).

Suitable additional proteases include those of bacterial, fungal, plant, viral or animal origin e.g. vegetable or microbial origin. Microbial origin is preferred. Chemically modified or protein engineered mutants are included. It may be an alkaline protease, such as a serine protease or a metalloprotease. A serine protease may for example be of the S1 family, such as trypsin, or the S8 family such as Subtilisin. A metalloproteases protease may for example be a thermolysin from e.g. family M4 or other metalloprotease such as those from M5, M7 or M8 families.

The term "subtilases" refers to a sub-group of serine protease according to Siezen et al., Protein Engng. 4 (1991) 719-737 and Siezen et al. Protein Science 6 (1997) 501-523. Serine proteases are a subgroup of proteases characterized by having a serine in the active site, which forms a covalent adduct with the substrate. The subtilases may be divided into 6 sub-divisions, i.e. the Subtilisin family, the Thermitase family, the Proteinase K family, the Lantibiotic peptidase family, the Kexin family and the Pyrolysin family.

Examples of subtilases are those derived from *Bacillus* such as *Bacillus lentus*, *B. alkalophilus*, *B. subtilis*, *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *Bacillus pumilus* and *Bacillus gibsonii* described in; US7262042 and WO09/021867, and *Subtilisin lentus*, *Subtilisin Novo*, *Subtilisin Carlsberg*, *Bacillus licheniformis*, *Subtilisin BPN'*, *Subtilisin 309*, *Subtilisin 147* and *Subtilisin 168* described in WO89/06279 and protease PD138 described in (WO93/18140). Other useful proteases may be those described in WO92/175177, WO01/016285, WO02/026024 and WO02/016547. Examples of trypsin-like proteases are trypsin (e.g. of porcine or bovine origin) and the *Fusarium* protease described in WO89/06270, WO94/25583 and WO05/040372, and the chymotrypsin proteases derived from *Cellulomonas* described in WO05/052161 and WO05/052146.

A further preferred protease is the alkaline protease from *Bacillus lentus* DSM 5483, as described for example in WO95/23221, and variants thereof which are described in WO92/21760, WO95/23221, EP1921147 and EP1921148.

Examples of metalloproteases are the neutral metalloprotease as described in WO07/044993 (Genencor Int.) such as those derived from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*.

Examples of useful proteases are the variants described in: WO92/19729, WO96/034946, WO98/20115, WO98/20116, WO99/011768, WO01/44452, WO03/006602, WO04/03186, WO04/041979, WO07/006305, WO11/036263, WO11/036264, especially the variants with substitutions in one or more of the following positions: 3, 4, 9, 15, 27, 36, 57, 68, 76, 87, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 118, 120, 123, 128, 129, 130, 160, 167, 170, 194, 195, 199, 205, 206, 217, 218, 222, 224, 232, 235, 236, 245, 248, 252 and 274 using the BPN' numbering. More preferred the protease variants may comprise the mutations:

S3T, V4I, S9R, A15T, K27R, *36D, V68A, N76D, N87S,R, *97E, A98S, S99G,D,A, S99AD, S101G,M,R S103A, V104I,Y,N, S106A, G118V,R, H120D,N, N123S, S128L, P129Q, S130A, G160D, Y167A, R170S, A194P, G195E, V199M, V205I, L217D, N218D, M222S, A232V, K235L, Q236H, Q245R, N252K, T274A (using BPN' numbering).

5 Suitable commercially available protease enzymes include those sold under the trade names Alcalase®, Duralase™, Durazym™, Relase®, Relase® Ultra, Savinase®, Savinase® Ultra, Primase®, Polarzyme®, Kannase®, Liquanase®, Liquanase® Ultra, Ovozyme®, Coronase®, Coronase® Ultra, Neutrase®, Everlase® and Esperase® (Novozymes A/S), those sold under the tradename Maxatase®, Maxacal®, Maxapem®, Purafect®, Purafect Prime®,
10 Preferenz™, Purafect MA®, Purafect Ox®, Purafect OxP®, Puramax®, Properase®, Effectenz™, FN2®, FN3® , FN4®, Excellase®, Eraser®, Opticlean® and Optimase® (Danisco/DuPont), Axapem™ (Gist-Brocades N.V.), BLAP (sequence shown in Figure 29 of US5352604) and variants hereof (Henkel AG) and KAP (Bacillus alkalophilus Subtilisin) from Kao.

15 Suitable lipases and cutinases include those of bacterial or fungal origin. Chemically modified or protein engineered mutant enzymes are included. Examples include lipase from Thermomyces, e.g. from *T. lanuginosus* (previously named *Humicola lanuginosa*) as described in EP258068 and EP305216, cutinase from Humicola, e.g. *H. insolens* (WO96/13580), lipase from strains of Pseudomonas (some of these now renamed to Burkholderia), e.g. *P. alcaligenes*
20 or *P. pseudoalcaligenes* (EP218272), *P. cepacia* (EP331376), *P. sp.* strain SD705 (WO95/06720 & WO96/27002), *P. wisconsinensis* (WO 96/12012), GDSL-type Streptomyces lipases (WO10/065455), cutinase from Magnaporthe grisea (WO10/107560), cutinase from *Pseudomonas mendocina* (US5,389,536), lipase from *Thermobifida fusca* (WO11/084412), *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* lipase (WO11/084417), lipase from Bacillus subtilis
25 (WO11/084599), and lipase from *Streptomyces griseus* (WO11/150157) and *S. pristinaespiralis* (WO12/137147).

Other examples are lipase variants such as those described in EP407225, WO92/05249, WO94/01541, WO94/25578, WO95/14783, WO95/30744, WO95/35381, WO95/22615, WO96/00292, WO97/04079, WO97/07202, WO00/34450, WO00/60063, WO01/92502,
30 WO07/87508 and WO09/109500.

Preferred commercial lipase products include Lipolase™, Lipex™; Lipolex™ and Lipoclean™ (Novozymes A/S), Lumafast (originally from Genencor) and Lipomax (originally from Gist-Brocades).

35 Still other examples are lipases sometimes referred to as acyltransferases or perhydrolases, e.g. acyltransferases with homology to Candida antarctica lipase A (WO10/111143), acyltransferase from Mycobacterium smegmatis (WO05/56782), perhydrolases from the CE 7 family (WO09/67279), and variants of the M. smegmatis

perhydrolase in particular the S54V variant used in the commercial product Gentle Power Bleach from Huntsman Textile Effects Pte Ltd (WO10/100028).

Suitable additional amylases which can be used together with the variants of the invention may be an alpha-amylase or a glucoamylase and may be of bacterial or fungal origin.

5 Chemically modified or protein engineered mutants are included. Amylases include, for example, alpha-amylases obtained from *Bacillus*, e.g., a special strain of *Bacillus licheniformis*, described in more detail in GB 1,296,839.

Suitable amylases include amylases having SEQ ID NO: 2 in WO 95/10603 or variants having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3 thereof. Preferred variants are described in WO 10 94/02597, WO 94/18314, WO 97/43424 and SEQ ID NO: 4 of WO 99/019467, such as variants with substitutions in one or more of the following positions: 15, 23, 105, 106, 124, 128, 133, 154, 156, 178, 179, 181, 188, 190, 197, 201, 202, 207, 208, 209, 211, 243, 264, 304, 305, 391, 408, and 444.

Different suitable amylases include amylases having SEQ ID NO: 6 in WO 02/010355 or 15 variants thereof having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 6. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 6 are those having a deletion in positions 181 and 182 and a substitution in position 193.

Other amylases which are suitable are hybrid alpha-amylase comprising residues 1-33 of the alpha-amylase derived from *B. amyloliquefaciens* shown in SEQ ID NO: 6 of WO 2006/066594 and residues 36-483 of the *B. licheniformis* alpha-amylase shown in SEQ ID NO: 20 4 of WO 2006/066594 or variants having 90% sequence identity thereof. Preferred variants of this hybrid alpha-amylase are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one of more of the following positions: G48, T49, G107, H156, A181, N190, M197, I201, A209 and Q264. Most preferred variants of the hybrid alpha-amylase comprising residues 1-33 of the alpha-amylase derived from *B. amyloliquefaciens* shown in SEQ ID NO: 6 of WO 2006/066594 25 and residues 36-483 of SEQ ID NO: 4 are those having the substitutions:

M197T;

H156Y+A181T+N190F+A209V+Q264S; or

G48A+T49I+G107A+H156Y+A181T+N190F+I201F+A209V+Q264S.

Further amylases which are suitable are amylases having SEQ ID NO: 6 in 30 WO 99/019467 or variants thereof having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 6. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 6 are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one or more of the following positions: R181, G182, H183, G184, N195, I206, E212, E216 and K269. Particularly preferred amylases are those having deletion in positions R181 and G182, or positions H183 and G184.

35 Additional amylases which can be used are those having SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 7 of WO 96/023873 or variants thereof having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 7. Preferred variants of

SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 7 are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one or more of the following positions: 140, 181, 182, 183, 184, 195, 206, 212, 243, 260, 269, 304 and 476, using SEQ ID 2 of WO 96/023873 for numbering. More preferred variants are those having a deletion in two positions selected from 181, 182, 183 and 184, such as 181 and 182, 182 and 183, or positions 183 and 184. Most preferred amylase variants of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 7 are those having a deletion in positions 183 and 184 and a substitution in one or more of positions 140, 195, 206, 243, 260, 304 and 476.

Other amylases which can be used are amylases having SEQ ID NO: 2 of WO 08/153815, SEQ ID NO: 10 in WO 01/66712 or variants thereof having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 2 of WO 08/153815 or 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 10 in WO 01/66712. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 10 in WO 01/66712 are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one or more of the following positions: 176, 177, 178, 179, 190, 201, 207, 211 and 264.

Further suitable amylases are amylases having SEQ ID NO: 2 of WO 09/061380 or variants having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 2 thereof. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 2 are those having a truncation of the C-terminus and/or a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one or more of the following positions: Q87, Q98, S125, N128, T131, T165, K178, R180, S181, T182, G183, M201, F202, N225, S243, N272, N282, Y305, R309, D319, Q320, Q359, K444 and G475. More preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 2 are those having the substitution in one or more of the following positions: Q87E,R, Q98R, S125A, N128C, T131I, T165I, K178L, T182G, M201L, F202Y, N225E,R, N272E,R, S243Q,A,E,D, Y305R, R309A, Q320R, Q359E, K444E and G475K and/or deletion in position R180 and/or S181 or of T182 and/or G183. Most preferred amylase variants of SEQ ID NO: 2 are those having the substitutions:

N128C+K178L+T182G+Y305R+G475K;

N128C+K178L+T182G+F202Y+Y305R+D319T+G475K;

S125A+N128C+K178L+T182G+Y305R+G475K; or

S125A+N128C+T131I+T165I+K178L+T182G+Y305R+G475K wherein the variants are C-terminally truncated and optionally further comprises a substitution at position 243 and/or a deletion at position 180 and/or position 181.

Further suitable amylases are amylases having SEQ ID NO: 1 of WO13184577 or variants having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 thereof. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one or more of the following positions: K176, R178, G179, T180, G181, E187, N192, M199, I203, S241, R458, T459, D460, G476 and G477. More preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having the substitution in one or more of the following positions: K176L, E187P, N192FYH, M199L, I203YF, S241QADN,

R458N, T459S, D460T, G476K and G477K and/or deletion in position R178 and/or S179 or of T180 and/or G181. Most preferred amylase variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having the substitutions:

E187P+I203Y+G476K

5 E187P+I203Y+R458N+T459S+D460T+G476K

wherein the variants optionally further comprise a substitution at position 241 and/or a deletion at position 178 and/or position 179.

Further suitable amylases are amylases having SEQ ID NO: 1 of WO10104675 or variants having 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 thereof. Preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one of more of the following positions: N21, D97, V128 K177, R179, S180, I181, G182, M200, L204, E242, G477 and G478. More preferred variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having the substitution in one of more of the following positions: N21D, D97N, V128I K177L, M200L, L204YF, E242QA, G477K and G478K and/or deletion in position R179 and/or S180 or of I181 and/or G182. Most preferred amylase variants of SEQ ID NO: 1 are those having the substitutions:

N21D+D97N+V128I

wherein the variants optionally further comprise a substitution at position 200 and/or a deletion at position 180 and/or position 181.

Other suitable amylases are the alpha-amylase having SEQ ID NO: 12 in WO01/66712 or a variant having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 12. Preferred amylase variants are those having a substitution, a deletion or an insertion in one of more of the following positions of SEQ ID NO: 12 in WO01/66712: R28, R118, N174; R181, G182, D183, G184, G186, W189, N195, M202, Y298, N299, K302, S303, N306, R310, N314; R320, H324, E345, Y396, R400, W439, R444, N445, K446, Q449, R458, N471, N484. Particular preferred amylases include variants having a deletion of D183 and G184 and having the substitutions R118K, N195F, R320K and R458K, and a variant additionally having substitutions in one or more position selected from the group: M9, G149, G182, G186, M202, T257, Y295, N299, M323, E345 and A339, most preferred a variant that additionally has substitutions in all these positions.

30 Other examples are amylase variants such as those described in WO2011/098531, WO2013/001078 and WO2013/001087.

Commercially available amylases are DuramyITM, TermamyITM, FungamyITM, Stainzyme TM, Stainzyme PlusTM, NatalaseTM, Liquozyme X and BANTM (from Novozymes A/S), and RapidaseTM, PurastarTM/EffectenzTM, Powerase, Preferenz S1000, Preferenz S100 and Preferenz S110 (from Genencor International Inc./DuPont).

Suitable peroxidases/oxidases include those of plant, bacterial or fungal origin. Chemically modified or protein engineered mutants are included. Examples of useful

peroxidases include peroxidases from Coprinus, e.g., from *C. cinereus*, and variants thereof as those described in WO 93/24618, WO 95/10602, and WO 98/15257.

Commercially available peroxidases include Guardzyme™ (Novozymes A/S).

5 A detergent composition according to the invention may also comprise additional enzymes such as pectate lyases e.g. Pectawash™, chlorophyllases etc.

The detergent enzyme(s) may be included in the detergent composition according to the invention by adding separate additives containing one or more enzymes, or by adding a combined additive comprising all of these enzymes. A detergent additive, i.e., a separate additive or a combined additive, may be formulated, for example, as a granulate, liquid, slurry, etc. Preferred detergent additive formulations are granulates, in particular non-dusting granulates, liquids, in particular stabilized liquids, or slurries.

10 Non-dusting granulates may be produced, e.g., as disclosed in US 4,106,991 and 4,661,452 and may optionally be coated by methods known in the art. Examples of waxy coating materials are poly(ethylene oxide) products (polyethyleneglycol, PEG) with mean molar weights of 1000 to 20000; ethoxylated nonylphenols having from 16 to 50 ethylene oxide units; ethoxylated fatty alcohols in which the alcohol contains from 12 to 20 carbon atoms and in which there are 15 to 80 ethylene oxide units; fatty alcohols; fatty acids; and mono- and di- and triglycerides of fatty acids. Examples of film-forming coating materials suitable for application by fluid bed techniques are given in GB 1483591. Liquid enzyme preparations may, for instance, be stabilized by adding a polyol such as propylene glycol, a sugar or sugar alcohol, lactic acid or boric acid according to established methods. Protected enzymes may be prepared according to the method disclosed in EP 238,216.

Adjunct materials

25 Any detergent components known in the art for use in laundry detergents may also be utilized. Other optional detergent components include anti-corrosion agents, anti-shrink agents, anti-soil redeposition agents, anti-wrinkling agents, bactericides, binders, corrosion inhibitors, disintegrants/disintegration agents, dyes, enzyme stabilizers (including boric acid, borates, CMC, and/or polyols such as propylene glycol), fabric conditioners including clays, fillers/processing aids, fluorescent whitening agents/optical brighteners, foam boosters, foam (suds) regulators, perfumes, soil-suspending agents, softeners, suds suppressors, tarnish inhibitors, and wicking agents, either alone or in combination. Any ingredient known in the art for use in laundry detergents may be utilized. The choice of such ingredients is well within the skill of the artisan.

35 The detergent composition according to the invention may also comprise dispersants. In particular, powdered detergents may comprise dispersants. Suitable water-soluble organic materials include the homo- or co-polymeric acids or their salts, in which the polycarboxylic acid

comprises at least two carboxyl radicals separated from each other by not more than two carbon atoms. Suitable dispersants are for example described in Powdered Detergents, Surfactant science series volume 71, Marcel Dekker, Inc. The detergent composition according to the invention may also comprise one or more dye transfer inhibiting agents.

5 Suitable polymeric dye transfer inhibiting agents include, but are not limited to, polyvinylpyrrolidone polymers, polyamine N-oxide polymers, copolymers of N-vinylpyrrolidone and N-vinylimidazole, polyvinylloxazolidones and polyvinylimidazoles or mixtures thereof. When present in a subject composition, the dye transfer inhibiting agents may be present at levels from about 0.0001 % to about 10%, from about 0.01% to about 5% or even from about 0.1% to

10 about 3% by weight of the composition. A detergent composition according to the invention may preferably also comprise additional components that may tint articles being cleaned, such as fluorescent whitening agent or optical brighteners. Where present the brightener is preferably at a level of about 0.01% to about 0.5%. Any fluorescent whitening agent suitable for use in a laundry detergent composition may be used in the composition. The most commonly used

15 fluorescent whitening agents are those belonging to the classes of diaminostilbene-sulphonic acid derivatives, diarylpyrazoline derivatives and bisphenyl-distyryl derivatives. Examples of the diaminostilbene-sulphonic acid derivative type of fluorescent whitening agents include the sodium salts of: 4,4'-bis-(2-diethanolamino-4-anilino-s-triazin-6-ylamino) stilbene-2,2'-disulphonate; 4,4'-bis-(2,4-dianilino-s-triazin-6-ylamino) stilbene-2,2'-disulphonate; 4,4'-bis-(2-anilino-4(N-methyl-N-2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-s-triazin-6-ylamino) stilbene-2,2'-disulphonate, 4,4'-

20 bis-(4-phenyl-2,1,3-triazol-2-yl)stilbene-2,2'-disulphonate; 4,4'-bis-(2-anilino-4(1-methyl-2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-s-triazin-6-ylamino) stilbene-2,2'-disulphonate and 2-(stilbyl-4"-naphtho-1.,2':4,5)-1,2,3-triazole-2"-sulphonate. Preferred fluorescent whitening agents are Tinopal DMS and Tinopal CBS available from Ciba-Geigy AG, Basel, Switzerland. Tinopal DMS is the disodium salt of 4,4'-bis-(2-morpholino-4 anilino-s-triazin-6-ylamino) stilbene disulphonate. Tinopal CBS is the disodium salt of 2,2'-bis-(phenyl-styryl) disulphonate. Also preferred are fluorescent whitening agents is the commercially available Parawhite KX, supplied by Paramount Minerals and Chemicals, Mumbai, India. Other fluorescers suitable for use include the 1-3-diaryl pyrazolines and the 7-alkylaminocoumarins.

30 Suitable fluorescent brightener levels include lower levels of from about 0.01, from 0.05, from about 0.1 or even from about 0.2 wt % to upper levels of 0.5 or even 0.75 wt%. The detergent composition according to the invention may also comprise one or more soil release polymers which aid the removal of soils from fabrics such as cotton and polyester based fabrics, in particular the removal of hydrophobic soils from polyester based fabrics. The soil release

35 polymers may for example be nonionic or anionic terephthalate based polymers, polyvinyl caprolactam and related copolymers, vinyl graft copolymers, polyester polyamides see for example Chapter 7 in Powdered Detergents, Surfactant science series volume 71, Marcel

Dekker, Inc. Another type of soil release polymers is amphiphilic alkoxyated grease cleaning polymers comprising a core structure and a plurality of alkoxyate groups attached to that core structure. The core structure may comprise a polyalkylenimine structure or a polyalkanolamine structure as described in detail in WO 2009/087523 (hereby incorporated by reference).

5 Furthermore, random graft co-polymers are suitable soil release polymers Suitable graft co-polymers are described in more detail in WO 2007/138054, WO 2006/108856 and WO 2006/113314 (hereby incorporated by reference). Other soil release polymers are substituted polysaccharide structures especially substituted cellulosic structures such as modified cellulose derivatives such as those described in EP 1867808 or WO 2003/040279 (both are hereby
10 incorporated by reference). Suitable cellulosic polymers include cellulose, cellulose ethers, cellulose esters, cellulose amides and mixtures thereof. Suitable cellulosic polymers include anionically modified cellulose, nonionically modified cellulose, cationically modified cellulose, zwitterionically modified cellulose, and mixtures thereof. Suitable cellulosic polymers include methyl cellulose, carboxy methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, hydroxyl ethyl cellulose, hydroxyl
15 propyl methyl cellulose, ester carboxy methyl cellulose, and mixtures thereof. The detergent composition according to the invention may also comprise one or more anti-redeposition agents such as carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), polyoxyethylene and/or polyethyleneglycol (PEG), homopolymers of acrylic acid, copolymers of acrylic acid and maleic acid, and ethoxylated polyethyleneimines. The cellulose based polymers
20 described under soil release polymers above may also function as anti-redeposition agents.

Other suitable adjunct materials include, but are not limited to, anti-shrink agents, anti-wrinkling agents, bactericides, binders, carriers, dyes, enzyme stabilizers, fabric softeners, fillers, foam regulators, hydrotropes, perfumes, pigments, sod suppressors, solvents, structurants for liquid detergents and/or structure elasticizing agents.

25 Thus, in one particular embodiment, the detergent composition further comprises at least one chelating agent; at least one surfactant; at least one sulfonated polymer; at least one hydrotrope; at least one builder and/or co-builder; at least one perfume; and/or at least one kind of bleaching system.

30 Formulation of detergent products

The detergent composition according to the invention may be in any convenient form, e.g., a bar, a homogenous tablet, a tablet having two or more layers, a regular or compact powder, a granule, a paste, a gel, or a regular, compact or concentrated liquid.

35 Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition according to the present invention, is a liquid laundry detergent composition, a powder laundry detergent composition, a liquid dishwasher detergent composition, or a powder dishwasher detergent composition.

Detergent formulation forms: Layers (same or different phases), Pouches, versus forms for Machine dosing unit.

Pouches may be configured as single or multicompartments. It can be of any form, shape and material which is suitable for hold the composition, e.g. without allowing the release of the composition to release of the composition from the pouch prior to water contact. The pouch is made from water soluble film which encloses an inner volume. Said inner volume can be divided into compartments of the pouch. Preferred films are polymeric materials preferably polymers which are formed into a film or sheet. Preferred polymers, copolymers or derivatives thereof are selected polyacrylates, and water soluble acrylate copolymers, methyl cellulose, carboxy methyl cellulose, sodium dextrin, ethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, malto dextrin, poly methacrylates, most preferably polyvinyl alcohol copolymers and, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC). Preferably the level of polymer in the film for example PVA is at least about 60%. Preferred average molecular weight will typically be about 20,000 to about 150,000. Films can also be of blend compositions comprising hydrolytically degradable and water soluble polymer blends such as polyactide and polyvinyl alcohol (known under the Trade reference M8630 as sold by Chris Craft In. Prod. Of Gary, Ind., US) plus plasticisers like glycerol, ethylene glycerol, Propylene glycol, sorbitol and mixtures thereof. The pouches can comprise a solid laundry cleaning composition or part components and/or a liquid cleaning composition or part components separated by the water soluble film. The compartment for liquid components can be different in composition than compartments containing solids (US2009/0011970 A1)

Detergent ingredients may be separated physically from each other by compartments in water dissolvable pouches or in different layers of tablets. Thereby negative storage interaction between components can be avoided. Different dissolution profiles of each of the compartments can also give rise to delayed dissolution of selected components in the wash solution.

A liquid or gel detergent, which is not unit dosed, may be aqueous, typically containing at least 20% by weight and up to 95% water, such as up to about 70% water, up to about 65% water, up to about 55% water, up to about 45% water, up to about 35% water. Other types of liquids, including without limitation, alkanols, amines, diols, ethers and polyols may be included in an aqueous liquid or gel. An aqueous liquid or gel detergent may contain from 0-30% organic solvent.

A liquid or gel detergent may be non-aqueous.

Methods and uses

A detergent composition according to the invention may be formulated, for example, as a hand or machine laundry detergent composition including a laundry additive composition suitable for pre-treatment of stained fabrics and a rinse added fabric softener composition, or be

formulated as a detergent composition for use in general household hard surface cleaning operations, or be formulated for hand or machine dishwashing operations. Thus, in one embodiment, the detergent composition is a liquid laundry detergent composition, a powder laundry detergent composition, a liquid dishwash detergent composition; or a powder dishwash detergent composition.

A cleaning process or the textile care process may for example be a laundry process, a dishwashing process or cleaning of hard surfaces such as bathroom tiles, floors, table tops, drains, sinks and washbasins. Laundry processes can for example be household laundering, but it may also be industrial laundering. A process for laundering of fabrics and/or garments may be a process comprises treating fabrics with a washing solution containing a detergent composition, at least one protease, and at least one alpha-amylase variant. A cleaning process or a textile care process can for example be carried out in a machine washing process or in a manual washing process. The washing solution can for example be an aqueous washing solution containing a detergent composition.

The fabrics and/or garments subjected to a washing, cleaning or textile care process may be conventional washable laundry, for example household laundry. Preferably, the major part of the laundry is garments and fabrics, including knits, woven, denims, non-woven, felts, yarns, and towelling. The fabrics may be cellulose based such as natural cellulosics, including cotton, flax, linen, jute, ramie, sisal or coir or manmade cellulosics (*e.g.*, originating from wood pulp) including viscose/rayon, ramie, cellulose acetate fibres (tricell), lyocell or blends thereof. The fabrics may also be non-cellulose based such as natural polyamides including wool, camel, cashmere, mohair, rabbit and silk or synthetic polymer such as nylon, aramid, polyester, acrylic, polypropylen and spandex/elastane, or blends thereof as well as blend of cellulose based and non-cellulose based fibres. Examples of blends are blends of cotton and/or rayon/viscose with one or more companion material such as wool, synthetic fibres (*e.g.*, polyamide fibres, acrylic fibres, polyester fibres, polyvinyl alcohol fibres, polyvinyl chloride fibres, polyurethane fibres, polyurea fibres, aramid fibres), and cellulose-containing fibres (*e.g.*, rayon/viscose, ramie, flax, linen, jute, cellulose acetate fibres, lyocell).

The last few years there has been an increasing interest in replacing components in detergents, which is derived from petrochemicals with renewable biological components such as enzymes and polypeptides without compromising the wash performance. When the components of detergent compositions change new enzyme activities or new enzymes having alternative and/or improved properties compared to the common used detergent enzymes such as proteases, lipases and amylases is needed to achieve a similar or improved wash performance when compared to the traditional detergent compositions.

Typical detergent compositions include various components in addition to the enzymes, these components have different effects, some components like the surfactants lower the

surface tension in the detergent, which allows the stain being cleaned to be lifted and dispersed and then washed away, other components like bleach systems remove discolor often by oxidation and many bleaches also have strong bactericidal properties, and are used for disinfecting and sterilizing. Yet other components like builder and chelator softens, e.g., the wash water by removing the metal ions form the liquid.

The enzyme compositions may further comprise at least one or more of the following: a surfactant, a builder, a chelator or chelating agent, bleach system or bleach component in laundry or dish wash.

The amount of a surfactant, a builder, a chelator or chelating agent, bleach system and/or bleach component may be reduced compared to amount of surfactant, builder, chelator or chelating agent, bleach system and/or bleach component used without the added protease variant of the invention. Preferably the at least one component which is a surfactant, a builder, a chelator or chelating agent, bleach system and/or bleach component is present in an amount that is 1% less, such as 2% less, such as 3% less, such as 4% less, such as 5% less, such as 6% less, such as 7% less, such as 8% less, such as 9% less, such as 10% less, such as 15% less, such as 20% less, such as 25% less, such as 30% less, such as 35% less, such as 40% less, such as 45% less, such as 50% less than the amount of the component in the system without the addition of protease variants of the invention, such as a conventional amount of such component. Detergent compositions may also be composition which is free of at least one component which is a surfactant, a builder, a chelator or chelating agent, bleach system or bleach component and/or polymer.

Washing Method

Detergent composition according to the invention is ideally suited for use in laundry applications. Thus, in one aspect, the present invention relates to a method of laundering, comprising laundering a garment with a detergent composition as described herein, preferably at a temperature of 40°C or less, or more preferably at a temperature of 30°C or less, or even more preferably at a temperature of 20°C or less.

These methods include a method for laundering a fabric. The method comprises the steps of contacting a fabric to be laundered with a cleaning laundry solution comprising a detergent composition. The fabric may comprise any fabric capable of being laundered in normal consumer use conditions. The solution preferably has a pH from about 5.5 to about 11.5. The compositions may be employed at concentrations from about 100 ppm, preferably 500 ppm to about 15,000 ppm in solution. The water temperatures typically range from about 5°C to about 95°C, including about 10°C, about 15°C, about 20°C, about 25°C, about 30°C, about 35°C, about 40°C, about 45°C, about 50°C, about 55°C, about 60°C, about 65°C, about 70°C,

about 75°C, about 80°C, about 85°C and about 90°C. The water to fabric ratio is typically from about 1:1 to about 30:1.

In particular embodiments, the washing method is conducted at a pH from about 5.0 to about 11.5, or from about 6 to about 10.5, about 5 to about 11, about 5 to about 10, about 5 to about 9, about 5 to about 8, about 5 to about 7, about 5.5 to about 11, about 5.5 to about 10, about 5.5 to about 9, about 5.5 to about 8, about 5.5 to about 7, about 6 to about 11, about 6 to about 10, about 6 to about 9, about 6 to about 8, about 6 to about 7, about 6.5 to about 11, about 6.5 to about 10, about 6.5 to about 9, about 6.5 to about 8, about 6.5 to about 7, about 7 to about 11, about 7 to about 10, about 7 to about 9, or about 7 to about 8, about 8 to about 11, about 8 to about 10, about 8 to about 9, about 9 to about 11, about 9 to about 10, about 10 to about 11, preferably about 5.5 to about 11.5.

In particular embodiments, the washing method is conducted at a degree of hardness of from about 0°dH to about 30°dH, such as about 1°dH, about 2°dH, about 3°dH, about 4°dH, about 5°dH, about 6°dH, about 7°dH, about 8°dH, about 9°dH, about 10°dH, about 11°dH, about 12°dH, about 13°dH, about 14°dH, about 15°dH, about 16°dH, about 17°dH, about 18°dH, about 19°dH, about 20°dH, about 21°dH, about 22°dH, about 23°dH, about 24°dH, about 25°dH, about 26°dH, about 27°dH, about 28°dH, about 29°dH, about 30°dH. Under typical European wash conditions, the degree of hardness is about 16°dH, under typical US wash conditions about 6°dH, and under typical Asian wash conditions, about 3°dH.

The compositions for use in the methods described above may further comprises at least one additional enzyme as set forth in the "other enzymes" section above, such as an enzyme selected from the group of hydrolases such as proteases, lipases and cutinases, carbohydrases such as amylases, cellulases, hemicellulases, xylanases, and pectinase or a combination hereof.

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Particular benefits of the detergent compositions of the invention

As will be evident from the Examples below, the detergent compositions of the invention exhibit exceptional wash performance against certain types of soilings that are particularly challenging to remove, most notably pasta soilings and crème brûlée.

5 Thus, one aspect of the invention provides the use of a detergent composition as described herein for cleaning pasta soiling (for example, in automated dishwashers).

The present invention is further described by the following examples that should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention.

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EXAMPLES**Example 1: Materials and Methods**15 Automatic Mechanical Stress Assay (AMSA) for laundry

In order to assess the wash performance in laundry washing experiments are performed, using the Automatic Mechanical Stress Assay (AMSA). With the AMSA, the wash performance of a large quantity of small volume enzyme-detergent solutions can be examined. The AMSA plate has a number of slots for test solutions and a lid firmly squeezing the laundry sample, the textile to be washed against all the slot openings. During the washing time, the plate, test solutions, textile and lid are vigorously shaken to bring the test solution in contact with the textile and apply mechanical stress in a regular, periodic oscillating manner. For further description see WO02/42740 especially the paragraph "Special method embodiments" at page 23-24.

25 The wash performance is measured as the brightness of the colour of the textile washed. Brightness can also be expressed as the intensity of the light reflected from the sample when illuminated with white light. When the sample is stained the intensity of the reflected light is lower, than that of a clean sample. Therefore, the intensity of the reflected light can be used to measure wash performance.

30 Colour measurements are made with a professional flatbed scanner (Kodak iQsmart, Kodak, Midtager 29, DK-2605 Brøndby, Denmark), which is used to capture an image of the washed textile.

To extract a value for the light intensity from the scanned images, 24-bit pixel values from the image are converted into values for red, green and blue (RGB). The intensity value (Int) is calculated by adding the RGB values together as vectors and then taking the length of the resulting vector:

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$$Int = \sqrt{r^2 + g^2 + b^2}$$

General molecular biology methods

Unless otherwise mentioned the DNA manipulations and transformations were performed using standard methods of molecular biology (Sambrook et al. (1989); Ausubel et al. (1995); Harwood and Cutting (1990).

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Protease activity assays

Suc-AAPF-pNA activity assay: The proteolytic activity can be determined by a method employing the Suc-AAPF-PNA substrate. Suc-AAPF-PNA is an abbreviation for N-Succinyl-Alanine-Alanine-Proline-Phenylalanine-p-Nitroanilide, and it is a blocked peptide which can be cleaved by endo-proteases. Following cleavage a free PNA molecule is liberated and it has a yellow colour and thus can be measured by visible spectrophotometry at wavelength 405nm. The Suc-AAPF-PNA substrate is manufactured by Bachem (cat. no. L1400, dissolved in DMSO).

The protease sample to be analyzed was diluted in residual activity buffer (100mM Tris pH8.6). The assay was performed by transferring 60µl of diluted enzyme samples to 96 well microtiter plate and adding 140µl substrate working solution (0.72mg/ml in 100mM Tris pH8.6). The solution was mixed at room temperature and absorption is measured every 20 sec. over 5 minutes at OD 405 nm.

The slope (absorbance per minute) of the time dependent absorption-curve is directly proportional to the specific activity (activity per mg enzyme) of the protease in question under the given set of conditions. The protease sample should be diluted to a level where the slope is linear.

Alpha-amylase activity assay - pNP-G7 assay

The alpha-amylase activity may be determined by a method employing the G7-pNP substrate. G7-pNP which is an abbreviation for 4,6-ethylidene(G7)-p-nitrophenyl(G1)-α,D-maltoheptaoside, a blocked oligosaccharide which can be cleaved by an endo-amylase, such as an alpha-amylase. Following the cleavage, the alpha-Glucosidase included in the kit digest the hydrolysed substrate further to liberate a free PNP molecule which has a yellow color and thus can be measured by visible spectrophotometry at λ=405nm (400-420 nm.). Kits containing G7-pNP substrate and alpha-Glucosidase is manufactured by Roche/Hitachi (cat. No.11876473).

Reagents

The G7-pNP substrate from this kit contains 22 mM 4,6-ethylidene- G7-pNP and 52.4 mM HEPES (2-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-ethanesulfonic acid), pH 7.0).

The alpha-Glucosidase reagent contains 52.4 mM HEPES, 87 mM NaCl, 12.6 mM MgCl₂, 0.075 mM CaCl₂, > 4 kU/L alpha-glucosidase).

The substrate working solution is made by mixing 1 mL of the alpha-Glucosidase reagent with 0.2 mL of the G7-pNP substrate. This substrate working solution is made immediately before use.

5 Dilution buffer: 50 mM MOPS, 0.05% (w/v) Triton X100 (polyethylene glycol p-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-phenyl ether ($C_{14}H_{22}O(C_2H_4O)_n$ ($n = 9-10$))), 1mM $CaCl_2$, pH8.0.

Procedure

10 The amylase sample to be analyzed is diluted in dilution buffer to ensure the pH in the diluted sample is 7. The assay is performed by transferring 20 μ l diluted enzyme samples to 96 well microtiter plate and adding 80 μ l substrate working solution. The solution is mixed and pre-incubated 1 minute at room temperature and absorption is measured every 20 sec. over 5 minutes at OD 405 nm.

15 The slope (absorbance per minute) of the time dependent absorption-curve is directly proportional to the specific activity (activity per mg enzyme) of the alpha-amylase in question under the given set of conditions. The amylase sample should be diluted to a level where the slope is below 0.4 absorbance units per minute.

Alpha-amylase activity assay - Phadebas activity assay

20 The alpha-amylase activity may also be determined by a method using the Phadebas substrate (from for example Magle Life Sciences, Lund, Sweden). A Phadebas tablet includes interlinked starch polymers that are in the form of globular microspheres that are insoluble in water. A blue dye is covalently bound to these microspheres. The interlinked starch polymers in the microsphere are degraded at a speed that is proportional to the alpha-amylase activity. When the alpha-amylase degrades the starch polymers, the released blue dye is water soluble and concentration of dye can be determined by measuring absorbance at 620nm. The concentration of blue is proportional to the alpha-amylase activity in the sample.

30 The alpha-amylase sample to be analyzed is diluted in activity buffer with the desired pH. Two substrate tablets are suspended in 5mL activity buffer and mixed on magnetic stirrer. During mixing of substrate transfer 150 μ l to microtiter plate (MTP) or PCR-MTP. Add 30 μ l diluted amylase sample to 150 μ l substrate and mix. Incubate for 15 minutes at 37°C. The reaction is stopped by adding 30 μ l 1M NaOH and mix. Centrifuge MTP for 5 minutes at 4000xg. Transfer 100 μ l to new MTP and measure absorbance at 620nm.

The alpha-amylase sample should be diluted so that the absorbance at 620nm is between 0 and 2.2, and is within the linear range of the activity assay.

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Alpha-amylase activity assay - Amylazyme activity assay

The alpha-amylase activity may also be determined by a method using the Amylazyme substrate (Megazyme® Amylazyme Test, supplied by Megazyme for the assay of cereal and bacterial amylases) comprising AZCL-amylose, which has been mixed with lactose and magnesium stearate and tabletted. A blue dye is covalently bound to these microspheres. The interlinked amylose polymers in the microsphere are degraded at a speed that is proportional to the alpha-amylase activity. When the alpha-amylase degrades the starch polymers, the released blue dye is water soluble and concentration of dye may be determined by measuring absorbance at 590 nm. The concentration of blue is proportional to the alpha-amylase activity in the sample.

The alpha-amylase sample to be analyzed is diluted in activity buffer with the desired pH. Two substrate tablets are suspended in 5 mL activity buffer and mixed on magnetic stirrer. During mixing of substrate 150 µl is transferred to a microtiter plate (MTP) or PCR-MTP. Next, 25 µl diluted amylase sample is added to 150 µl substrate and mixed. The mixture is incubated for 10 minutes at 37°C. The reaction is stopped by adding 25 µl 1M NaOH and mixed. MTP is centrifuged for 5 minutes at 4000xg, followed by transferring 100 µl to a new MTP and absorbance is measured at 590 nm.

Example 2: Cleaning properties of Protease (SEQ ID NO:1)BACKGROUND

This dose respond trial was performed in order to test the performance of the protease of SEQ ID NO:1 on different types of soiling, see Table 1. The proposed soil set up is: Milk, Meat, Egg yolk, Crème Brûlée, Starch and Pasta.

Table 1: Soil types used in evaluation

Soil	Carrier	Soil class	IKW type	Improved type
milk	beakers, glass	alkali sensitive	-	yes
meat	dessert plates	protease sensitive	-	yes
egg yolk	plates, stainless steel	protease sensitive	-	yes
crème brûlée	dessert plates, porcelain	protease sensitive	-	yes
starch	flat plates, glass	amylase sensitive	yes (500 %)	-
pasta	soup plates, porcelain	amylase sensitive		yes

The detergent and enzyme product combinations evaluated were:

- **P-free base:** Protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 in a dose response of 1.5, 2 and 2.5 wt% + 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T
- 5 • **Commercial detergent C:** Blaze Eivity 100T in a dose response of 1.5, 2 and 2.5 wt% + 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T
- **Commercial detergent A:** Commercial product from Rickett Benkiser.
- **Commercial detergent B:** Commercial product from Henkel.

10 TRIAL CONDITIONS

Detergents: Commercial detergent B DT-2014-00504, Finish DT-2014-00503, P-free base - DT-2013-0020 and commercial detergent C P-base - DT-2014-00089.

15 **Detergent dosage:** DT-2013-00020 around 20 g/wash DT-2014-00089 around 15 g/wash. 1 tab of each for the commercial detergents.

Enzyme dosages:

Protease of SEQ ID NO: 1: 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5 wt% in P-free base.

Blaze Eivity 100T: 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5 wt% in commercial detergent C P-base.

Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T: 0.8 wt% in both P-free base and commercial detergent C detergent.

20 **Water hardness:** 21°dH

Washing machine/program: Miele G698 household dishwashing machines program "Normal 50".

IKW soil ballast: 50 gram

25 RESULTS

Wash performance of Protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 on different types of soiling

30 **Figure 1** shows the wash performance of the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 (termed P40 in the figure) in P-free base detergent at three different concentrations and also with commercial detergent A and commercial detergent B as references. In the figure, on milk soiling higher amounts of the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 show a stronger performance than the references, however, milk soiling is mainly alkaline sensitive. On the meat soiling, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 shows about equal to commercial detergent B and stronger than commercial detergent A.

35 Egg yolk, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 shows about equal performance as commercial detergent B and commercial detergent A again shows a low performance. Crème brûlée the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 shows about equal or somewhat lower performance as commercial

detergent B. On the starch soiling, commercial detergent B shows a very strong performance, most probably a high amount of Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T has been added. However, this is not reflected on Pasta soiling since about equal performance is shown between commercial detergent B and 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T. Commercial detergent A shows overall a
5 low performance.

Figure 2 shows the wash performance of Blaze Eivity 100T in commercial detergent C at three different concentrations and also with commercial detergent A and commercial detergent B as references. The same references are also shown in Figure 1. As shown in Figure 2, commercial
10 detergent C shows a stronger performance on the tea soiling compared to the P-free based detergent in Figure 1 and more equal as commercial detergent A and commercial detergent B. On milk soiling higher amounts of Blaze Eivity 100T show a much stronger performance than the references, again considered to be mainly alkaline sensitive. On the meat soiling, Blaze Eivity 100T shows about equal to commercial detergent B and stronger than commercial detergent A.
15 Egg yolk, Blaze Eivity 100T shows about equal performance as commercial detergent B and commercial detergent A again shows a low performance. Crème Brule, Blaze Eivity 100T shows a lower performance compared to commercial detergent B. On the starch soiling, commercial detergent B shows a very strong performance, most probably a high amount of Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T has been added. However, this is not reflected on Pasta soiling since about equal
20 performance is shown between commercial detergent B and 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T. Commercial detergent A shows overall a low performance.

Table 2 shows a summary of the results.

Table 2: Cleaning performance – distinctive differences by soils according to tensioconsult

Product	Milk	Meat	Egg yolk	Crème Brûlée	Starch	Pasta	total
Commercial detergent A	-6	-5	-6	-5	-7	-7	-32
Commercial detergent B	-6	4	3	5	8	2	20
P-free base detergent	-6	-8	-8	-8	-3	-7	-45
P-free base + 1.5 wt% the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1	0	-4	0	4	0	2	-3
P-free base + 2 wt% the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1	1	2	3	4	0	1	6
P-free base + 2.5 wt% the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1	0	3	4	4	0	1	7
Commercial detergent C + 1.5 wt% Blaze 100T	5	0	-2	-4	0	2	5
Commercial detergent C + 2 wt% Blaze 100T	6	3	2	-2	1	4	18
Commercial detergent C + 2.5 wt% Blaze 100T	6	5	4	2	1	2	24

As shown in Table 2, in the column total and comparing the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 – P-free based detergent towards Blaze Eivity 100T – Commercial detergent C, product of McBride + 2.5 wt% Blaze 100T shows the best performance followed by commercial detergent C + 2 wt% Blaze 100T. The product P-free base + 2.5 wt% the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 is on the third ranking with 7 in scoring versus 24 and 18 for the two top products. One overall difference is on Milk soiling, P-free base with the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 gives about 0 in scoring versus commercial detergent C overall gives about 6 in scoring. The milk soiling is mainly sensitive to alkaline effects, so not strongly influenced by the proteases. However, Figures 1 and 2, have shown also a protease influence.

If looking into the protease-influenced soiling's, on minced meat commercial detergent C with Blaze shows a stronger effect than P-free base with the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1.

On egg yolk they are more or less similar, whereas on Crème Brulee, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 shows a stronger benefit than Blaze, however the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 is also dosed at a higher enzyme protein (EP), as can be seen in Figure 3. In an earlier evaluation, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 at 40 mg EP performed stronger than Blaze Eivity 125T at the same amount enzyme protein, 40 mg EP.

On mixed starch, commercial detergent C with Blaze shows somewhat stronger performance versus P-free base with the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 even though the amount of Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T is the same in both detergents, 0.8 wt%. The same trend is also shown on Pasta soiling, commercial detergent C with Blaze somewhat better than P-free base with the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1. It is also clearly shown that both these "starch" soiling's are influenced by addition of a protease, the P-free base, which is without any protease but still with 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T shows -3 on mixed Starch and -7 on Pasta. Also the commercial detergent A shows a low performance on these two starch based soiling's, which could be an indication of low protease amount and probably also low amylase amount.

Apart from Milk soiling, commercial detergent B is not strong on milk, commercial B shows an overall strong performance and with an extra strong performance on mixed Starch.

15 *Comparison of the effect of proteases on crème brûlée soiling*

Figure 3 shows the wash performance on crème brûlée versus amount enzyme protein per wash. Blaze Eivity 100T was dosed lower than the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 so it was not possible to conclude how they performed to each other at equal enzyme protein amounts. The indication in this evaluation seems to be that Blaze is strongly increasing the wash performance on crème brûlée whereas the the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 has reached a certain plateau.

CONCLUSIONS

25 On Crème Brule soiling; comparing at equal weight percent of each protease the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 and Blaze Eivity 100T, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 in P-free base ADD (Automatic Dish wash Detergent) shows about equal wash performance as the commercial detergent B, whereas Blaze Eivity 100T in commercial detergent C shows a lower wash performance versus commercial detergent B. However, comparing at equal enzyme protein, it was not possible from this evaluation to say if the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 is stronger than Blaze Eivity 100T.

Overall on protease sensitive soiling's (meat, egg yolk and crème brûlée) in this evaluation at equal protease weight percent, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 seems to be overall as good as Blaze Eivity on the evaluated soiling's, some tendency to show a lower performance on Meat soiling in this evaluation, equal on Egg yolk and stronger on Crème Brule.

On Starch based soiling; commercial detergent B is strong on mixed Starch compared to 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T in both P-free base and commercial detergent C but about equal on Pasta. This could indicate that commercial detergent B contain more than 0.8 wt% Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T but that the higher amylase amount does not reflect in a stronger wash performance on Pasta. Furthermore, Pasta soiling seems also to be dependent on protease amount, since without protease, or with a low amount, a low performance on Pasta is observed. This protease influence is also observed on Starch but not that strong.

Example 3: Wash performance benefits of detergent compositions of the invention

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BACKGROUND

This one dosage trial was performed in order to give an indication about the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 ADW performance on different types of soilings, see Table 3. The proposed soil set up is: Milk, Meat, Egg yolk, Crème Brûlée, Starch and Pasta.

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Table 3: Soil types used in evaluation

Soil	Carrier	Soil class	IKW type	Improved type
milk	beakers, glass	alkali sensitive	-	yes
meat	dessert plates	protease sensitive	-	yes
egg yolk	plates, stainless steel	protease sensitive	-	yes
crème brûlée	dessert plates, porcelain	protease sensitive	-	yes
starch	flat plates, glass	amylase sensitive	yes (500 %)	-
pasta	soup plates, porcelain	amylase sensitive		yes

The enzyme product combinations evaluated were:

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- **A:** Blaze Eivity 125T + Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T
- **B:** the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1+ Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T (an exemplary detergent composition of the invention)
- **C:** Eraser (liq) + Excellenz S1000
- **D:** Negative control (no enzymes added)

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Amount protease: 40 mg ep/wash (either Blaze Eivity 125T or the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1 or Eraser (liq))

Amount amylase: 0.7 wt% (either Stainzyme Plus Eivity 12T or Excellenz S1000)

Detergent used is DT-2014-00383 Claro 2020 P-free base, 21 g/wash

TRIAL CONDITIONS

- 5 **Detergent:** DT-2014-00383 Claro 2020 P-free base
Detergent dosage: 21 g/wash
Water hardness: 21°dH
Washing machine/program: Miele G698 household dishwashing machines program "Normal
10 50".
IKW soil ballast: 50 gram

RESULTS

- 15 The wash performance of an exemplary detergent composition of the invention (the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1+ Stainzyme Plus Evity 12T) is shown in Figure 4.

Table 4: Cleaning performance – distinctive differences by soils

Product	Milk	Meat	Egg yolk	Crème Brûlée	Starch	Pasta	Total score
A	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
B	0	1	1	2	2	1	7
C	0	1	1	1	-1	2	4
D	0	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-15

- 20 As shown above in Table 4, product B (the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1+ Stainzyme Plus Evity 12T) shows the best wash performance overall. The other two enzyme combinations show the same overall performance.

- 25 Product B, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1+ Stainzyme Plus Evity, is best on Crème Brûlée. Product C, Eraser (liq) + Excellenz S1000, is best on Pasta. Product A, Blaze Evity 125T + Stainzyme Plus Evity 12T, and product B, the protease of SEQ ID NO: 1+ Stainzyme Plus Evity 12T, equally best on Starch and better than the Dupont combination. No difference on Milk, Meat and Egg yolk between the different enzyme product combinations evaluated.

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CLAIMS

1. A detergent composition comprising:
 - 5 (a) a polypeptide having protease activity comprising or consisting of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or a variant thereof which exhibits protease activity;
 - (b) a polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity; and
 - (c) a surfactant,
- 10 or concentrate or additive for making the same.
2. A detergent composition according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide having protease activity comprises or consists of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 15 3. A detergent composition according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide having protease activity comprises or consists of an amino acid sequence comprising at least 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1, for example at least 150 contiguous amino acids, 200 contiguous amino acids, 225 contiguous amino acids, or at least 250 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1
- 20 4. A detergent composition according to claim 1 or 3 wherein the polypeptide having protease activity is a protease variant having an amino acid sequence identity of at least 70% compared to SEQ ID NO:1, for example at least 80%, at least 90% or at least 95% sequence identity compared to SEQ ID NO:1.
- 25 5. A detergent composition according to claim 4 wherein the number of modifications in said protease variant relative to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 is 1 to 20, for example 1 to 10 and 1 to 5, such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 modifications.
- 30 6. A detergent composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the polypeptide having protease activity consists of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
7. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the polypeptide having alpha-amylase activity is selected from the group consisting of
 - 35 (A) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 9, 118, 149, 182,

186, 195, 202, 257, 295, 299, 320, 323, 339, 345, and 458, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO:2;

(B) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 140, 195, 183, 184, and 206, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 3;

(C) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 180, 181, 243, and 475, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 4;

(D) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 178, 179, 187, 203, 458, 459, 460, and 476, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 5;

(E) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 comprising a modification in the following position 202, wherein the position corresponds to position in SEQ ID NO:6;

(F) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 405, 421, 422, and 428, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 7;

(G) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 48, 49, 107, 156, 181, 190, 209, and 264 of SEQ ID NO: 8; and

(H) an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 comprising one or more modifications in the following positions: 1, 54, 56, 72, 109, 113, 116, 134, 140, 159, 167, 169, 172, 173, 174, 181, 182, 183, 184, 189, 194, 195, 206, 255, 260, 262, 265, 284, 289, 304, 305, 347, 391, 395, 439, 469, 444, 473, 476, and 477 of SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein said alpha-amylase variant has a sequence identity of at least 75% but less than 100% to SEQ ID NO: 9 and wherein said alpha-amylase variant has alpha-amylase activity.

8. A detergent composition according to claim 7 wherein the polypeptide having amylase activity is the amylase defined in (A), (D), (F) or (H).

9. A detergent composition according to claim 7 or 8 comprising:

(i) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising the modifications R118K+D183*+G184*+N195F+R320K+R458K or

comprising the modifications M9L+R118K+G149A+G182T+G186A+D(D183-G184)+ N195F+M202L+T257I+Y295F+N299Y+R320K+M323T+A339S+E345R+R458K, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO:2;

- 5 (ii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprising the modifications D183*+G184*+W140Y+ N195F+I206Y, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 3;
- 10 (iii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprising the modifications R180*+S181*+ S243Q+G475K+CBM*, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 4;
- 15 (iv) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 comprising the modifications R178*+G179*+E187P+ I203Y+R458N+T459S+D460T+G476K, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 5;
- 20 (v) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 comprising the modification M202L, wherein the position corresponds to the position in SEQ ID NO:6;
- 25 (vi) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 comprising the modifications I405L+A421H+A422P+ A428T, wherein the positions correspond to positions in SEQ ID NO: 7; or
- 30 (vii) a protease consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and an alpha-amylase which is a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8 comprising the modifications (1-35)BAN+ G48A+T49I+G107A+H156Y+A181T+N190F+L201F+A209V+Q264S of SEQ ID NO: 8.

- 30 10. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, nonionic surfactants and amphoteric surfactants.
- 35 11. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims further comprising one or more additional enzymes selected from the group consisting of proteases, amylases, lipases, cutinases, cellulases, endoglucanases, xyloglucanases, pectinases,

pectin lyases, xanthanases, peroxidaes, haloperoxygenases, catalases, mannanases, or any mixture thereof.

- 5 12. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims further comprising one or more additional components selected from the group consisting of oxidizing agents, bleach activators, chelating agents, bulking agents, builders, buffering agents, structurants, sequestrants, optical brighteners, antifoaming agents, enzymes, fragrances, anti-redeposition agents, skin conditioning agents, softness extenders, emulsifiers, and colorants.
- 10 13. A detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said detergent composition is a liquid laundry detergent composition, a powder laundry detergent composition, a liquid dishwash detergent composition, or a powder dishwash detergent composition.
- 15 14. A detergent composition according to claim 13 wherein said composition is a liquid or powder laundry detergent composition.
- 20 15. A detergent composition according to claim 13 wherein said composition is a liquid or powder automatic dishwashing (ADW) detergent composition.
- 25 16. A detergent composition according to claim 13 wherein said composition is a liquid manual dishwashing detergent composition.
- 30 17. Use of a detergent composition according to any one of the preceding claims in a domestic or industrial cleaning process.
- 35 18. A use according to claim 17 for cleaning of fabric, for example laundry.
19. A use according to claim 17 for hard surface cleaning, for example dishwashing.
20. A use according to claim 19 for automated dishwashing.
21. A use according to any one of claims 17 to 20 for cleaning pasta soilings.
22. A method for removal of pasta soilings from fabric or hard surfaces comprising contacting the fabric or hard surfaces contaminated with pasta soilings with a detergent composition according to any one of claims 1 to 16.
- 40 23. A method according to claim 22 for cleaning of fabric, for example laundry.

24. A method according to claim 22 for hard surface cleaning, for example dishwashing.
25. A method according to claim 24 wherein the method is performed using an automated dishwasher.
- 5 26. A method of dishwashing in an automatic dishwashing machine using a detergent composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13, 15, and 16, comprising the steps of adding said detergent composition in a detergent composition compartment in said automatic dishwashing machine, and releasing said detergent composition during a
10 main-wash cycle.
27. A method of laundering in an automatic laundering machine using a detergent composition according to any one of claims 1 to 14, comprising the steps of adding said detergent composition in a detergent composition compartment in said automatic
15 laundering machine, and releasing said detergent composition during a main wash cycle.

FIGURE 1

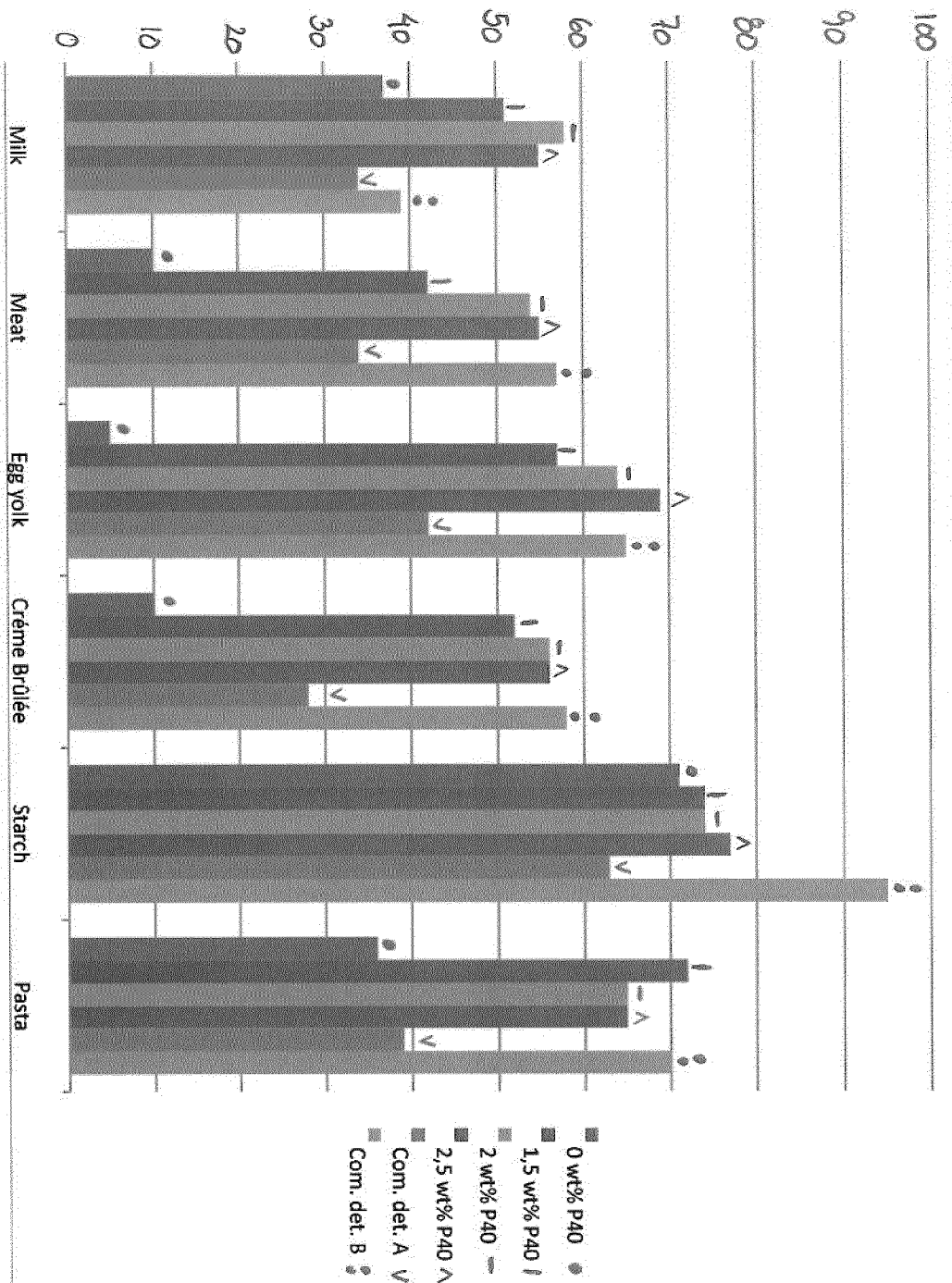


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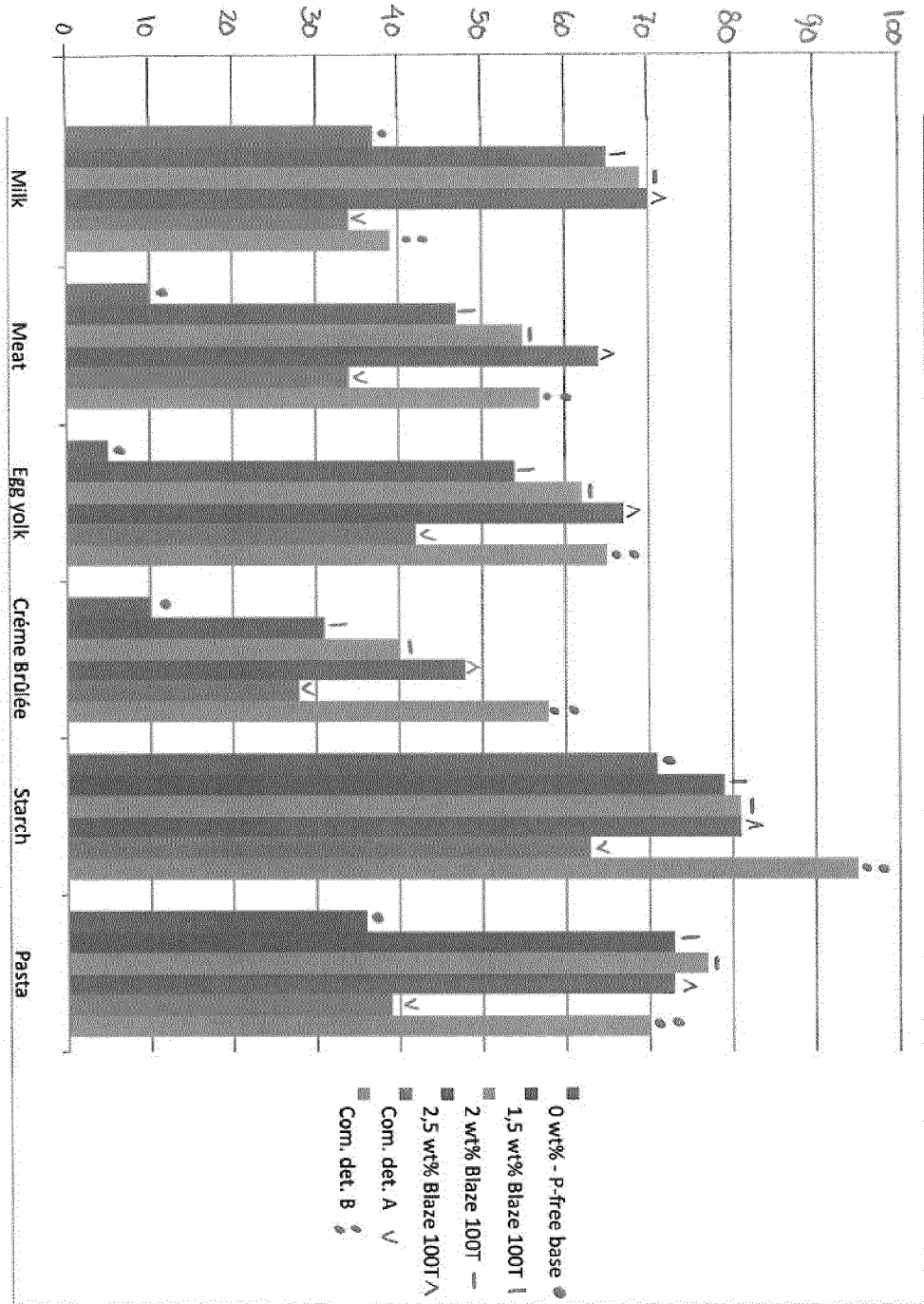


FIGURE 3

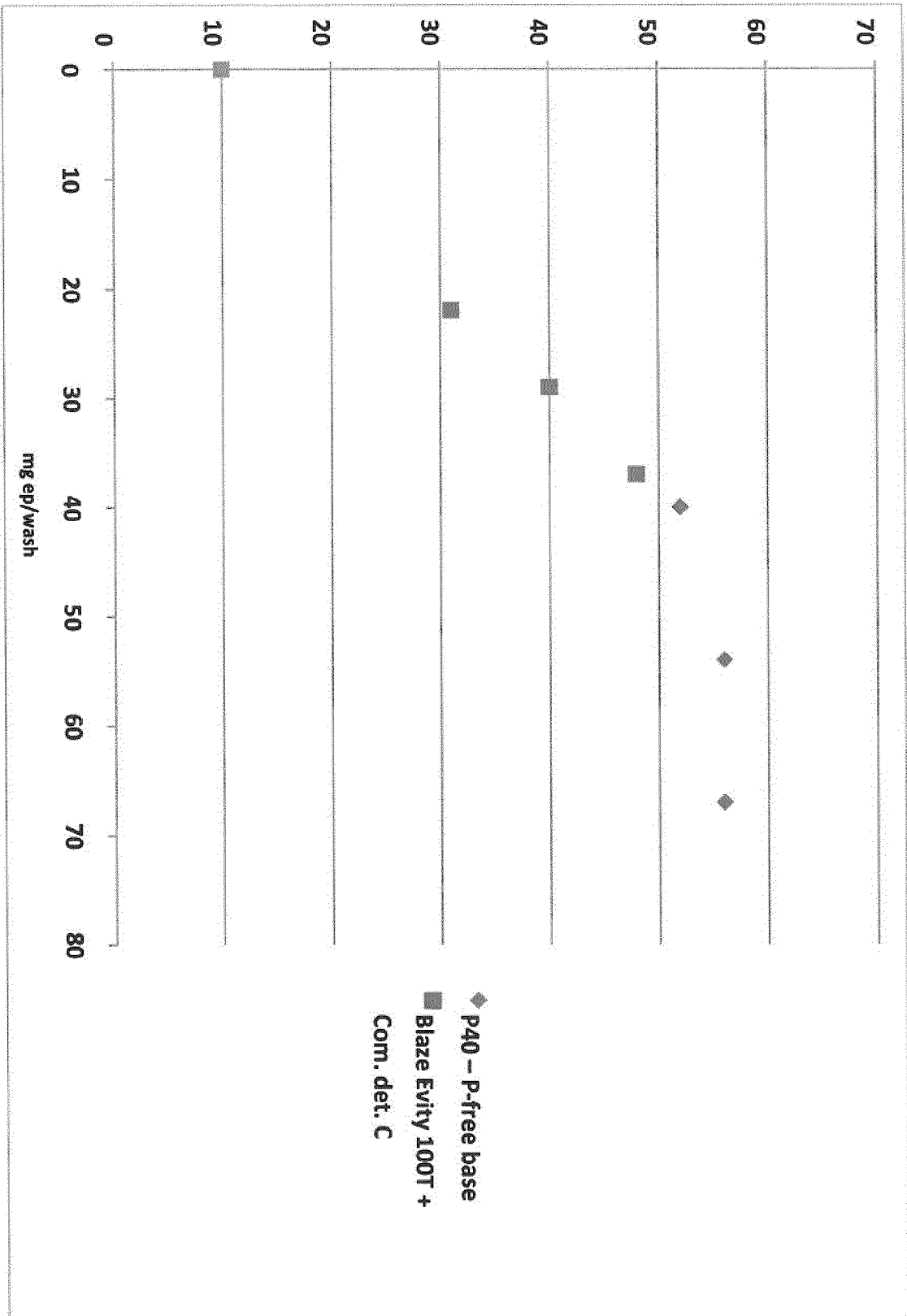
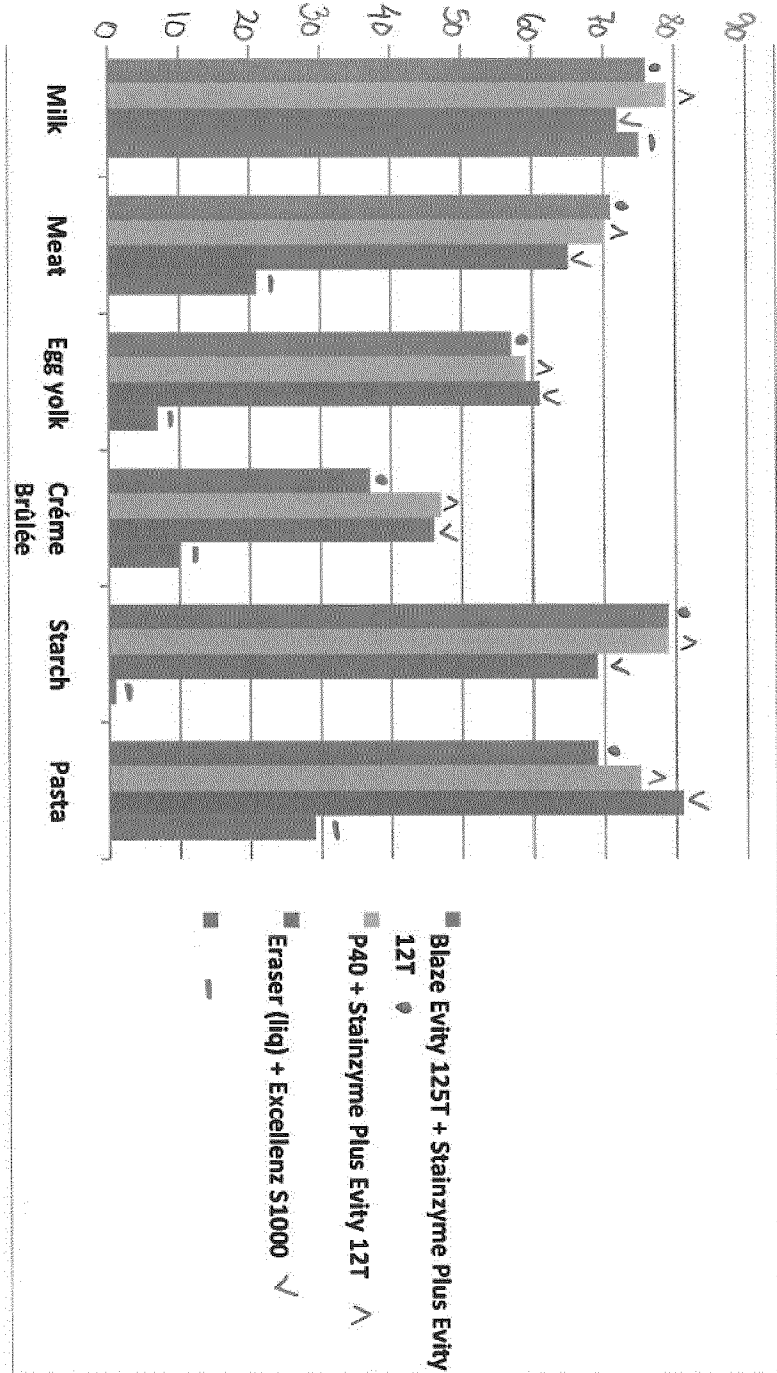


FIGURE 4



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