

# Enzymes : (Organic catalysts)

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\* Function: catalyze (accelerate) of reactions

\* Nature: Protein in nature **except ribozymes**

\* **Ribozymes**: short segment of RNA molecules (about 90-300 nucleotides) which act as enzymes in processing RNA molecules

\* Characteristics: 1. neither consumed nor permanently altered

2. highly efficient

3. high turn over number

4. highly selective (specific)

5. Thermolabile

6. Site specific

\* Notes: 1. enzymes neither consumed nor permanently altered as a consequence of their participation in a reaction **throughout their life span**

2. **Turn over number**: the number of substrate molecules that can be converted by one molecule of enzyme into product molecules in a unit time.

3. **Affect of Temperature**: if protein is exposed to high temperature it will be **Denatured** (breaking of bonds that stabilize the 3D structure (tertiary & secondary structure) turning the enzyme back to the primary structure) and by that the enzyme lose its activity

4. **Site specific**: enzymes found in cell membrane are different from those found inside the cytoplasm, nucleus, ... etc.

\* **Nucleic Acids**:

## DNA

## RNA

1) Nuclear DNA  $3.5 \times 10^9$

1) mRNA

4) micro RNA

7) Ribozymes

2) Mitochondrial DNA  $1.6 \times 10^4$

2) rRNA

5) small interfering RNA

3) tRNA

6) heterogeneous nuclear RNA

\* **Ribozymes**: transforming RNA from immature to mature form and this process is called **RNA processing**

\* Inorganic catalysts such as: Ni, Vitamins

\* Inorganic catalysts are thermostable

\* Regarding turnover number: **enzymes cat.**  $10^6 - 10^{12}$  molecule  
**inorganic cat.**  $10^3$  molecule



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Nomenclature of enzymes: (-ase = enzyme usually)

1) **Hydrolases**: common names: derived from the substrate

2) **Other enzymes**: names: derived from the substrate and the reaction catalyzed

3) **Hydrolases**: historical names: no direct relationship to substrate or reaction type

4) **EC** - according to IUBMB: each enzyme was given 4 digit numbers

E.g. 1) urease, lactase

2) Lactate dehydrogenase, Pyruvate decarboxylase

3) Amylase, Catalase, Pepsin, Chymotrypsin, Trypsin (digestive enzymes)

4) [EC 1.1.1.1], [EC 2.7.1.2]

Classification of Enzymes: [EC 1.2.3.4]

1<sup>st</sup>: 6 major classes / 2<sup>nd</sup>: subclass / 3<sup>rd</sup>: sub-subclass / 4<sup>th</sup>: serial number

Major Classes: ((ملاحظة - يجب الرجوع إلى اللابز لرقبة التسمية))

(EC.1) **Oxidoreductase**:

\* catalyze redox reactions

\* Reductases, Oxidases

\* In biological system whenever oxidation reaction happen a reduction reaction must occur because leaving  $H^+$  alone will change the pH thus its need a carrier

\* need H carrier such as:  $NAD^+$  (in oxidation reactions),  $NADH$  (in reduction)

(EC.2) **Transferase**: ((نقل مجموعة))

\* Transfer a group from one molecule to another (from donor to acceptor)

\* Transaminases, Kinases

\* **Transaminases** → amine group // **kinases** → phosphate group from ATP

**PNMT** → methyl group from a donor (**SAM**) will be converted to **SAH**

\* (**SAM**) (s-adenosine methionine) is the most common methyl donor and form

**SAH** (s-adenosine Homocysteine) as it lose its methyl group

(EC.3) **Hydrolases**:

\* Cleaves bonds by adding water

\* Phosphates, Peptides, Lipases

\* Digestive enzymes



## (EC.4) Lyases

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- \* Catalyze forming double bonds or the reverse break double bonds
- \* Decarboxylases, Synthases, Fumarase
- \* Fumarase catalyze the addition of  $H_2O$  to Fumarate and converting it to malate
- \* Adding of  $H_2O$  is for converting the status of the bond (double  $\rightarrow$  single) without cleavage of the molecule

## (EC.5) Isomerases

- \* Catalyze intramolecular rearrangements change the position of some groups intramolecularly
- \* Epimerases, Mutases, Racemases

## (EC.6) Ligases

- \* catalyze C-C, C-O, C-S, C-N bond making and breaking
- \* Most important example is **T4 DNA ligase enzyme** which link the fragments of the DNA
- \* Result in linking of two molecules with each other
- \* Require energy for catalyzing the reaction - the only enzyme that require <sup>energy</sup>  $\uparrow$

## Active Site (Catalytic Site)

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- 1] The site to which the substrates is binding to the enzyme
- 2] Found at any region of the enzyme and takes up a relatively small part of the total volume of an enzyme
- 3] **Shape**  $\rightarrow$  Take the form of a cleft or pocket
- 4] \* Active site specific characters:
  1. Should have 3D configuration
  2. should be complementary to the bind site of the substrate
  3. should contain specific groups  $\rightarrow$  highly reactive groupsThe most highly reactive groups of amino acids:
  - **Hydroxycontaining amino acids**: serine, threonine, tyrosine
  - **Modified hydroxycontaining amino acids**: hydroxy proline
  - **Acidic amino acids**: glutamate, Aspartate
  - **Imidazole containing amino acids**: Histidine
  - **Sulfhydryl containing amino acids**: cysteine



Note: special arrangement of reactive groups in the active site of the enzyme will define the special 3D arrangement of the active site

Q: What is the hydroxy containing amino acid that participate the most in the active site? (serine, threonine, tyrosine, hydroxyproline)

A: **Tyrosine**: participate in the production of hormones, participate in the production of melanin → **doesn't participate the most**

**Threonine**: It's an essential amino acid thus it's amount is not that much in our cells → **doesn't participate the most**

**Hydroxyproline**: It's a modified amino acid thus it's amount is not sufficient → **doesn't participate the most**

**Serine**: Non essential, non modified, sufficient amount → **The most**

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[4] In order for the enzyme to work probably the substrate should be stabilized in the active site of the enzyme, and this stabilization require functional group in the binding ~~site~~ <sup>site</sup> of the substrate and reactive groups at the active site of the enzyme because they are going to make the bonding together - multiple weak attractions

Types of bonds (attractions):

1. Hydrogen bonding
2. Electrostatic (Ionic) interaction
3. Hydrophobic reaction
4. Disulfide bonds (**strongest attraction**)

Note: These attractions are important for stabilizing the substrate

[5] The arrangement of the functional groups (reactive groups) in the active site are responsible of the specificity

[6] Regarding "**multimeric enzymes**" (consist of more than one polypeptide chain (quaternary structure)) → the active site will be located at the interface between subunits **thus** <sup>يستقطب/يجمع</sup> recruit residus (functional group) from more than one monomer (polypeptide chain) → The substrate will be more stabilized **because** the substrate will form bonds with the first monomer and bonds with second monomer... **thus** stabilizing the substrate



How will the substrate bind to the enzyme ?

There are two models of enzymes :

1. lock and key model 2. Induced-fit model

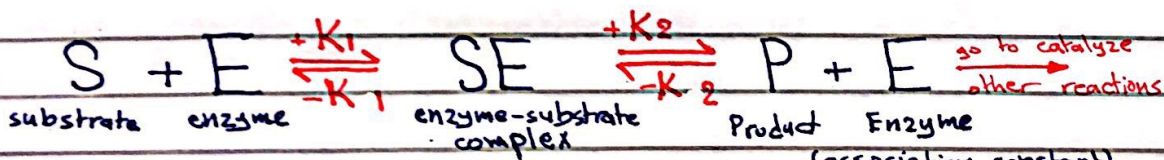
\* Lock-and-key model:

- The active site is Rigid, not flexible, must be complementary in the shape to the substrate.
- If there is a difference or an alteration in the active site of the enzyme or in the binding site of the substrate (they become incompatible to each other) no reaction will occur **because** the active site of the enzyme is not able to undergo any conformational changes in its shape **thus** no bonds will form  $\rightarrow$  no reaction
- This model accounted for the exquisite specificity of enzyme-substrate interactions **بالهوية: هذا النموذج يحد المطال على الأداة والاتقان في نوعية وتميز الوابط**

\* Induced-Fit model:

- Active site shape is not suitable for binding of substrate but with proximity of substrate to the active site, the active site will form a complementary shape to the shape of substrate (enzyme a conformational change to fit the shape of the substrate)
- After the enzyme undergo (catalyze) the reaction it goes back to its original shape.
- There are some factors which induce this conformational changes such as : hormones
- This model is not rigid and can undergo some dynamic changes

## Mechanism of Action of Enzymes



- $+K_1$  : constant for the forward reaction: (allow binding of substrate to enzyme)
- $-K_1$  : constant for the reverse reaction: (Dissociation constant)
- $+K_2$  : constant for the forward reaction: (constant of the production of the product + enzyme)
- $-K_2$  : constant for the reverse reaction: (dissociation of product to substrate)

Note: adding the four constants together give us **Km constant**



In other words:  $+K_1$ : association between the enzyme and substrate

$+K_2$ : conversion of the substrate to product

$-K_1$ : dissociation

$-K_2$ : breaking down or inability of enzyme to form product

Note:  $+K_2$  is the least constant to occur because the enzyme have the tendency to complete the reaction

The mechanism of action of enzymes can be explained by two perspective:

1. Thermodynamic changes 2. Processes at the active site

\* Thermodynamic changes

- uncatalyzed reaction  $\rightarrow$  need higher activation energy

- catalyzed reaction  $\rightarrow$  need lower activation energy

- Activation energy ( $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ): energy needed to be supplied in order to reach the transition state

- Enzyme Function: decrease  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  thus more molecules have the required energy to reach the transition state

$\Rightarrow$  decreasing the time of reaction

\* Processes at the active site

1. Catalysis by proximity:

- for the molecules to react they must come within bond forming distance of one another

- Enzyme (Active site) provides microenvironment that attract the <sup>substrate</sup> ~~substrate~~ ~~to~~ creating a region of high local substrate concentration (crowdness of substrate molecules) this crowdness will result in pushing the substrates into the active site

- Enzyme-substrate interactions orient reactive groups and bring them into proximity with one another

2. Acid-Base catalysis:

- Depends on the ionizable functional groups of aminoacyl side chains of prosthetic groups Glutamate, Aspartate, imidazol ring of histidine

- Acidic or basic functional groups  $\Rightarrow$  Ionizable (will carry charges)

$\Rightarrow$  these charges will facilitate chemical interactions  $\Rightarrow$  stabilize

the substrate  $\Rightarrow$  Catalyze the reaction



### 3. Catalysis by strain. (Rao)

- It's a special property of the enzymes that catalyze the lytic reactions (involve breaking a covalent bond)
- By binding of the enzymes to their substrates in a configuration slightly unfavorable for the bond they are forced to undergo cleavage.

### 4. Covalent catalysis:

- Formation of covalent bond between the enzyme and one or more substrate which introduce a new reaction pathways whose activation energy is lower. **Enzyme + Substrates** <sup>covalent bond linkage</sup> **pathways with low  $\Delta G^\ddagger$**
- By this process the enzyme can undergo an alternative reaction (alternative pathway) with lower energy of activation

### Enzyme Specificity

- [1] **Absolute specificity**: working only on substrate with a particular bond
- [2] **Group specificity**: will act only on specific functional groups such as: methylase which transfer methyl group from donor to **any acceptor**
- [3] **Linkage specificity**: act on a particular type of chemical bond regardless of the rest of the molecular structure such as: Lipase which work on the ester bond of the TAG regardless fatty acids binded
- [4] **Stereo chemical specificity (optical specificity)**: the enzyme will act on a particular steric or optical isomer. Example: in our body enzymes only act on L-amino acids, and it can't catabolize D-amino acids
- [5] **Dual specificity of enzyme**: (which is not specificity)  
enzymes which can act on two different substrates catalyzing the same reaction or on two different substrates catalyzing two different reactions

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Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work. ☺



# Cofactors :

\* Regarding cofactors we can classify enzyme into 2 types:

- 1) Enzyme active without a cofactor (Protein portion of this enzyme is active)
- 2) Enzyme which need a cofactor to get activated (Protein portion is inactive) **Apoenzyme**  $\xrightarrow{\text{cofactor}}$  **Holoenzyme**

\* We can classify cofactor according to 2 factors:

- 1) According to cofactor origin
- 2) According to bond strength

1- According to its origin cofactor could be :

A) **small organic molecules** : are often vitamins or made from vitamins

- if they are bonded loosely : **coenzymes**
- but if they are bonded tightly : **prosthetic group**

B) **Metal ions** : they are always considered as **prosthetic group**

2- According to bond strength:

A) Tightly bounded to the enzyme : (**Prosthetic group**)

- Attached tightly to the enzyme by a **covalent** or **non-covalent** bond thus (**Not easily removed**)
- It's important (essential) for enzymatic activity (if they were removed from the enzyme there will be no reaction)

B) loosely (weakly) bonded to the enzyme : (**Coenzymes**)

- Coenzyme act in a reaction on an enzyme then it leave this reaction to catalyze another one and so on.
- Catalyse the same type of reaction. E.g. NAD is used in redox reactions
- **Not all loosely bonded substances or molecules are considered coenzymes**

thus coenzymes have some special characteristics :

- 1) They are small molecules - small organic molecules
- 2) They act as recyclable <sup>shuttles</sup> - group transfer agents
- 3) Bind with weak bonds in transient, dissociable manner either to the enzyme or to a substrate because it's not specified for a particular reaction.

E.g.  $\text{NAD}^+ \xrightarrow{\text{lactate dehydrogenase}} \text{NADH}$  and it can also participate in other redox reactions so it's not specified for this reaction only.



## Prosthetic groups V.S Coenzymes (Summary and Examples)

### 1) Vitamin B complexes derivatives:

A) As a prosthetic groups if they are bonded tightly. Examples:

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| 1) Pyridoxal phosphate → B6 | 4) TPP → B1    | } ← هذا الفيتامينات وليس<br>أحد مشتقاتهم |
| 2) FMN → B2                 | 5) Folate → B9 |  |
| 3) FAD → B2                 | 6) Biotin → B7 |  |

\* Biotin (B7) only exist as prosthetic group

B) As a coenzyme if they are bonded loosely. Examples:

- 1) NAD, FAD transport hydrogen atoms or hydride ions
- 2) Foliates transport methyl group
- 3) Coenzyme A transport acyl group
- 4) Dolichol transport oligosaccharides

\* Usually coenzymes<sup>are</sup> water-soluble B vitamins derivatives

\* Coenzymes act as a temporary carriers of group from their point of generation to their point of utilization.

### 2) Metal ions - Co, Cu, Mg, Mn, Zn: (Most common prosthetic group)

They only act as prosthetic groups; they are either:

Metalloenzyme → tightly bounded metals → Essential for the reaction →  
(if they are removed no reaction will occur)

Metal-Activated Enzyme → loosely bounded metals → Nonessential for the reaction  
but they are required for increasing the activity of the enzyme to the maximum  
level → (if they are removed the reaction will still take place but with slower  
rate)

### The importance of metal ions:

1) Binding and orientation of substrate molecule:

- The substrate must be oriented correctly to the active site to bind with it
- If the substrate is going to bind to the enzyme incorrectly, metal ion will make some rotation in the substrate molecule to bind correctly

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2) Interact with substrate to render them more electrophilic or nucleophilic:

By allowing substrate molecule to be more reactive by carrying a charge → keep  
the substrate molecule in the reactive form → Stabilize the substrate in the active site →  
increase the rate of the reaction







## Isoenzymes (Isozymes): A type of intracellular enzymes

- they are different forms of the same enzyme
- they have the same characteristics regarding the reaction they work on:

- Catalyze the same reaction متشابهين في كل شيء الا علاقة بالتفاعل
- Act on the same substrate
- Give the same product

- But they differ in some other characteristics

- Differ in their origins
- Differ in the effect of activators and inhibitors
- Differ in some of the physical properties such as: electrophoresis mobility and molecular weight

Examples of Isozymes: we have 2 examples

### [1] Lactate dehydrogenase isozyme (LDH) (Interconverts lactate and pyruvate)

- Is tetrameric molecule  $\rightarrow$  consist of 4 polypeptide chains  $\rightarrow$  Classified into 2 different types of polypeptides:

**M**: Found in muscles; optimized to work under anaerobic conditions

**H**: Found in heart; optimized to work under aerobic conditions

- There are 5 different isozymes:

Homotetrameric **LDH<sub>1</sub> (H<sub>4</sub>)**  $\rightarrow$  Cardiac + Kidney

**LDH<sub>2</sub> (H<sub>3</sub>M)**  $\rightarrow$  Cardiac + Kidney + Brain + RBCs

Heterotetrameric **LDH<sub>3</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>M<sub>2</sub>)**  $\rightarrow$  Brain + Lung + WBCs  $\rightarrow$  Used in the diagnosis of leukemia

**LDH<sub>4</sub> (HM<sub>3</sub>)**  $\rightarrow$  Lung + Skeletal muscles

Homotetrameric **LDH<sub>5</sub> (M<sub>4</sub>)**  $\rightarrow$  Liver + Skeletal muscles

### [2] Creatine enzyme (CK) / Creatine phosphokinase (CPK) Isozymes

- Is a dimeric molecule  $\rightarrow$  composed of 2 protomer

**M**: muscles **B**: Brain  $\rightarrow$  M electrophoretic mobility  $<$  B electrophoretic mobility

- There are 3 different isomers

1) **BB (CK<sub>1</sub>)**: Found in brain  $\rightarrow$  Can't be used in diagnosis of diseases

- the lightest  $\rightarrow$  maximum mobility

- the lowest % in the blood  $\Rightarrow$  0-1 %

2) **MB (CK<sub>2</sub>)**: Found in heart muscles  $\rightarrow$  is used to diagnose M.I

- Medium size (weight)  $\rightarrow$  intermediate electrophoretic mobility

- low % in the blood  $\Rightarrow$  0-3 %



3) MM (CK3): found in skeletal / Heart muscles

- the heaviest → least electrophoretic mobility
- the highest % in the blood ⇒ 97 - 100 %
- These isoenzymes can be separated by:

1) Electrophoresis    2) Ion exchange chromatography

Note: Biomarkers (Diagnostic markers) should be characterized by:

- ① **High sensitivity**: with least duration after occurrence of disease the concentration of bio marker should increase four-five times the normal concentration.
- ② **High specificity**: Released from one organ  
E.g. LHS: Highest specificity to diagnose liver diseases  
CK-MB: Highest specificity to diagnose MI

\* اشر سلايد (enzyme kinetics) ما حنا عنها الدكتور ولا شرفها و هي دى فيها شي ← قراءة فقط

## Lecture 2: Factors affecting enzyme activity

There are 4 factors affecting enzyme activity:

- ① Temperature } both of these factors affect the protein structure (tertiary structure)
- ② pH }
- ③ Enzyme concentration } both depends on the ratio between enzyme molecules
- ④ Substrate concentration } and substrate molecules (نسبة و تناسب)

Note: when we study one of the above factors we make sure that all other factors are **constant**

Note 2: we study these factors in test tube not under biological media

First: **Temperature and pH (Hydrogen ion concentration)**

- Every enzyme have an optimum tempreture and an optimum pH in which the enzyme is acting maximally
- Any change in the temp. or pH will reduce the activity of the enzyme. thus if the change was much enough the enzyme will **denaturate**
- **Denaturation**: breaking the structure (3D structure) of the enzyme (protein) starting from the active site then the whole protein

فام - **Denaturation**: affect any **protein portion** of an enzyme

زيادة - From the graphs ~~when~~ <sup>we</sup> can notice that increasing the temp. higher than the optimum destroy the enzyme faster than decreasing the temp. **whereas** in pH changing the pH in both ways result the same **destruction** decreasing