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Lecture 27

Enzymes III Regulation

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Introduction:

- Enzymes shouldn't be always active and should be regulated (organising enzyme activity)
- Cells undergo fine tuning; which is what makes a living organism living organism
- Regulation of enzymes follow this fine tuning (not an on/off switch)
- When an enzyme (or any other gene or protein) is very important, there would be different levels of regulation; so that if one mechanism doesn't work efficiently another mechanism would do the trick

Mechanisms of regulation

- Non-specific regulation (temperature, pH, diffusion, and expression)
 - Localization (compartmentalization and complexing of enzymes)
 - Expression of isoenzymes
- Regulation of enzymatic activity
 - Inhibitors
 - Conformational changes
 - Modulators
 - Reversible covalent modification
 - Irreversible covalent modification
 - Allostery

There are different types of regulation:

1. Non-specific: affects hundreds of enzymes all at once
2. Very specific: targets a specific enzyme

Specific: enzyme specific

Temperature (Non-specific)

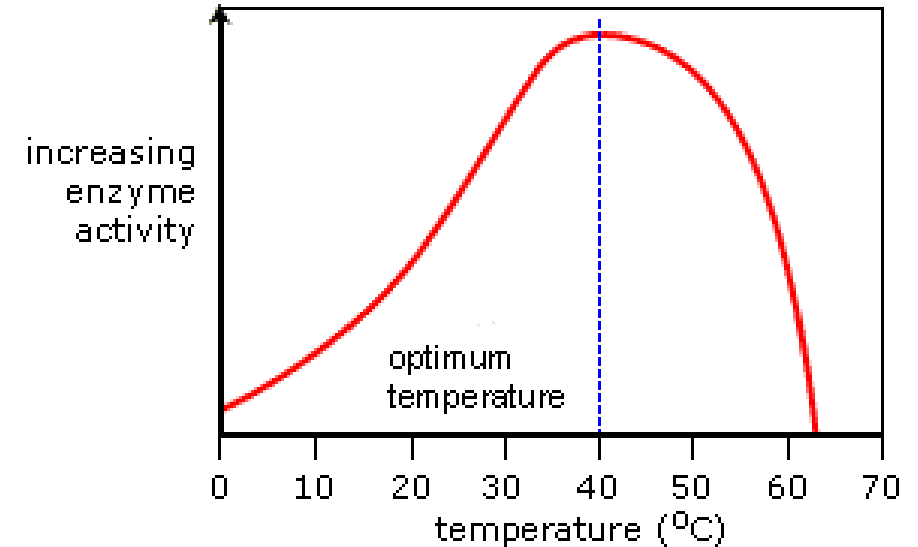
Our body temperature is about 37 while the optimal temperature in our cells for enzyme activity is 38



From 37 → 38
Kinetic energy increases and rate of collision increases: more enzyme activity
Still our control is 37 degrees.

If temperature reaches (42-44), protein denaturation occurs, which is why people could die with uncontrolled fever

- Reaction rates increase with temperature due to increased kinetic energy of the molecules resulting in more collisions between enzymes and substrates.
- However, high temperatures lead to protein denaturation. *Thermo: Temperature Philic: Loving*
- Each enzyme has an optimal temperature.
- For thermophilic bacteria, the optimal temperature is as high as 65°C.
- Temperature affects enzyme activity, other primitive organisms (like bacteria) love high temperature, they can survive at 65degrees
- In PCR (during DNA synthesis), the enzyme starts at a temperature of 95 in which enzyme is still functional
- Organism Specific (like people & bacteria)



pH

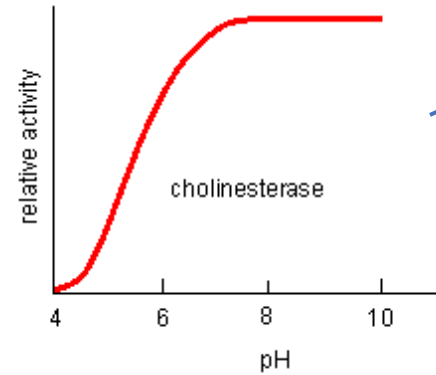
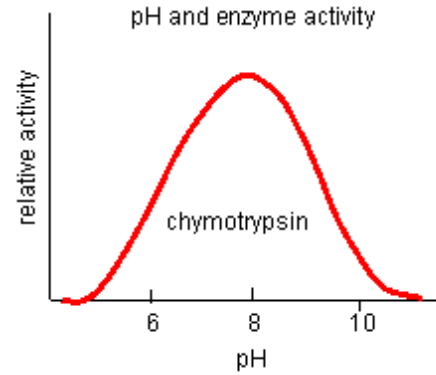
(Non-specific)

pH affects protonation state, electrostatic interactions, hydrogen bonds, etc.
Affects enzyme stability

If we change pH of cytosolic & mitochondrial enzymes, we would change enzyme efficiency
A lot of enzymes in cytosol will not work in pH=5 or 9 but lysosomal enzymes love acidic pH, their pH is (5.5-6)

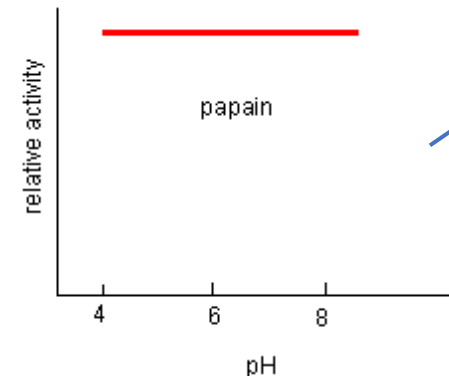
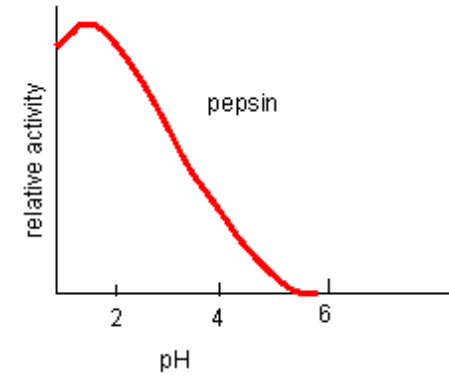
- pH alters the protonation state of the substrate and/or the enzyme and, hence, their binding.
- The effect of pH is enzyme-dependent.

Chymotrypsin is a digestive enzyme, works in intestines in which the pH=8, optimal pH=8



Cholinesterase works in CNS, optimal pH is >6, doesn't function below 6

Pepsin in stomach works optimally at pH=2, doesn't function at pH=7



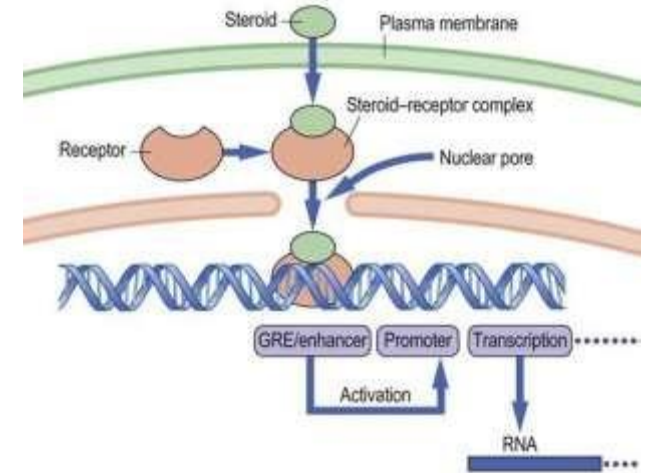
Papain is in papaya fruit, not affected by pH

pH can affect multiple enzymes, but can be enzyme specific as well

Regulation of enzyme amount : amount of enzymes in cells

(can be enzyme specific)

- Three mechanisms: Regulated at different levels
 - Enzyme synthesis at the gene level Active gene, transcriptional translation
 - Enzyme degradation by proteases
 - Synthesis of isozymes



• They are comparatively slow mechanisms for regulating enzyme concentration (hours-weeks).

- Half life of enzyme differs by the type of enzymes
- Enzymes are degraded when cells don't need them anymore, amino acids are produced & used
- When amino acids are degraded they give energy

Enzyme	Half-life (days)
Catalase	1.4 days
Glucokinase	1.2 days
Lactate dehydrogenase	
LDH1 (heart)	1.6
LDH5 (liver)	16
LDH5 (muscle)	31

What is meant by **half life**? 🤔
After the half life → fifty percent of enzymes gets degraded

Compartmentalization

Rate of diffusion is an enzymatic reaction problem, enzymes & substrates meet randomly, so cells place enzymes & substrates in small compartments to limit the rate of diffusion

● Compartmentalization reduces the area of diffusion of both enzyme and substrate increasing the probability that they collide.

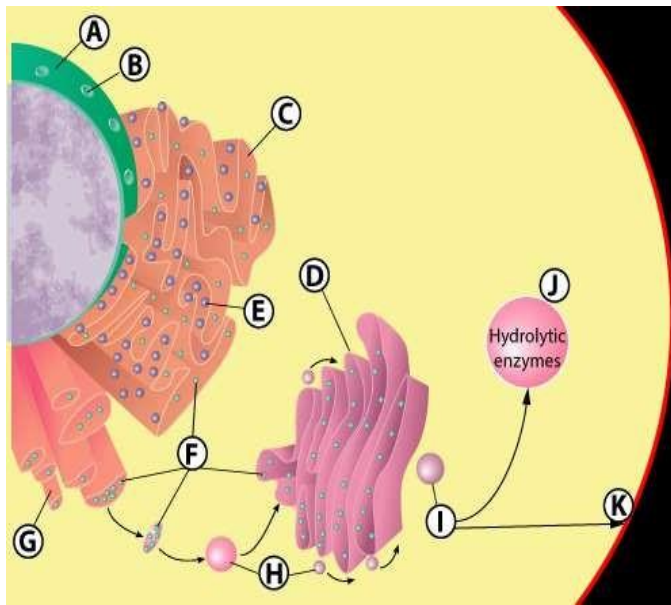
● **Example 1: lysosomal enzymes**

lysosomal enzymes degrade everything not needed (hydrolysis: use water to break bonds)
pH in lysosomes is low which denatures protein

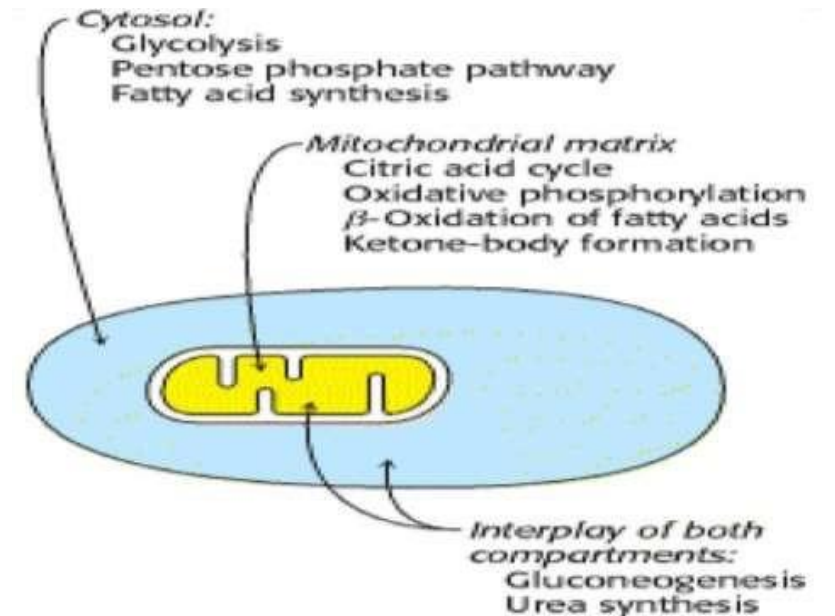
● **Example 2: fatty acid metabolism**

Another purpose for compartmentalization is regulation of metabolic pathways,
• Fatty acids synthesis → cytosol
• Fatty acids degradation → mitochondrial
If they were both in same area, things may get out of control

● Synthesis occurs in cytosol, whereas break-down is mitochondrial.



Main reason for putting substrates & enzymes in smaller compartments is to limit diffusion rate to produce higher collision rate



Enzyme complexing

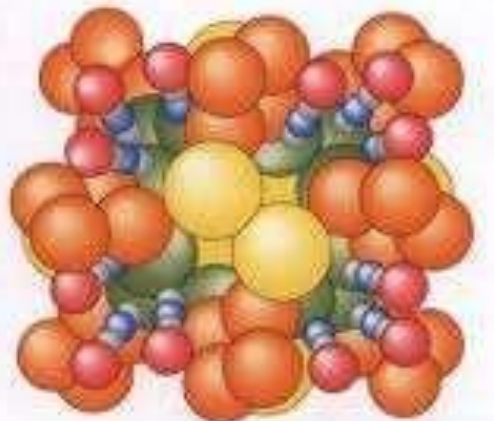
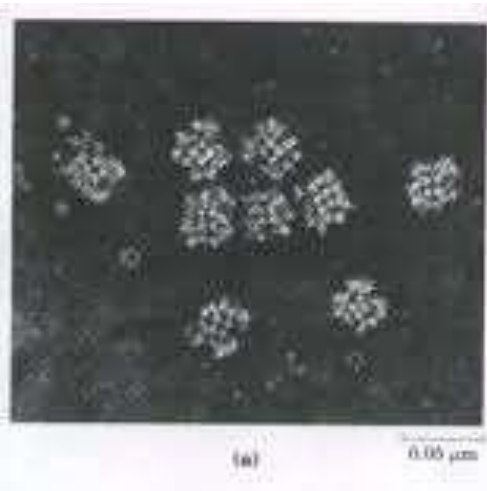
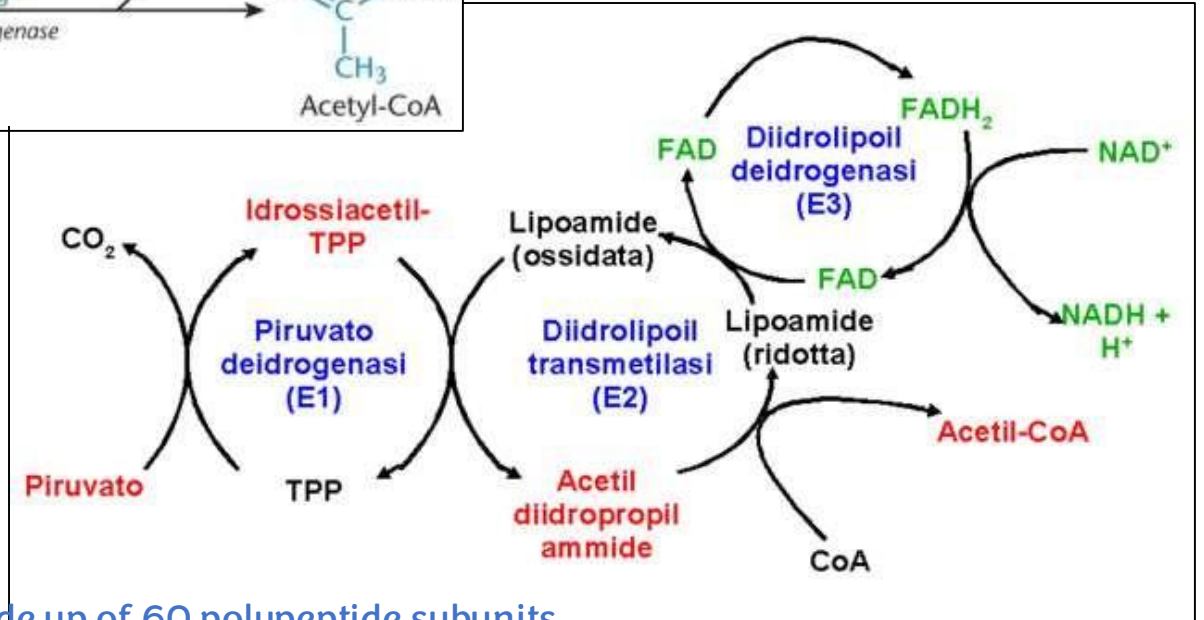
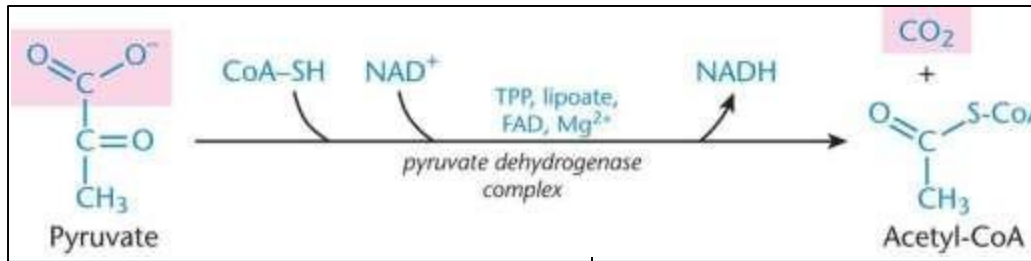
Another mechanism that limits rate of diffusion

Instead of enzymes converting $A \rightarrow b$, then b diffuses and second enzyme searches for b until it finds it in random collision converting $b \rightarrow c$ & third enzyme from $c \rightarrow d$; three enzymes form one complex which doesn't allow diffusion

- Formation of a complex of multiple enzymes also reduces diffusion. Catalyses the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-co enzyme A by three reactions (three enzymatic activities)
- Example: Pyruvate dehydrogenase (mitochondria) is composed of 3 enzymes: ¹Lyase enzyme, ²oxidation, & ³transfer of the acyl group to CoA.

Three carbons-----> two carbons (cO2 released)

Memorise names of enzymes during this lecture



Pyruvate dehydrogenase is made up of 60 polypeptide subunits, decarboxylase (30), oxidation enzyme (20), transfer reaction(10)

Isoenzymes (isozymes)

Different enzymes from same gene: isoforms

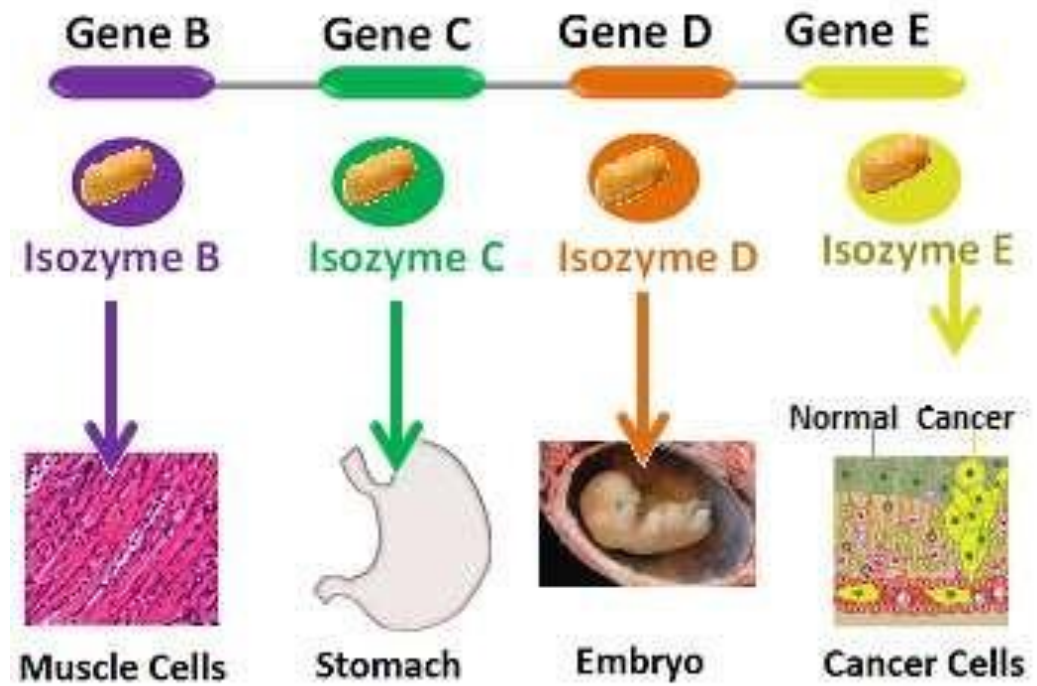
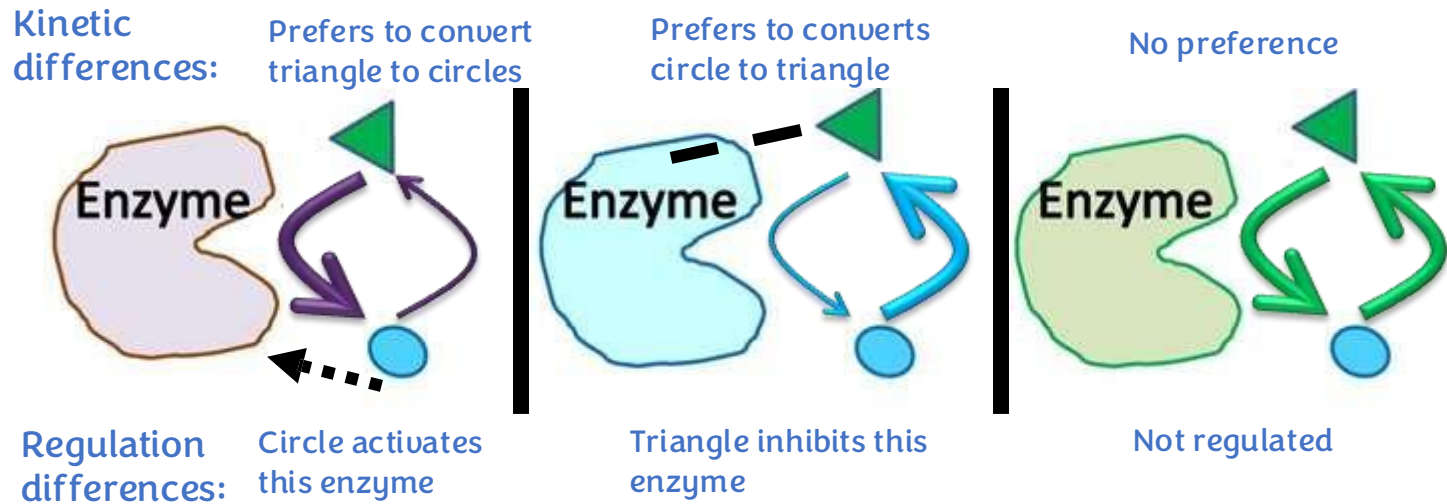
Different genes catalyse same reactions: isoenzymes

Differences are:

1. Produced from different genes
2. Produced by different cell type in different tissues
3. Different kinetic activities (V_{max} , K_m ..)
4. Regulated differently

Catalyse same reaction

- Isoenzymes are enzymes that can act on the same substrate(s) producing the same product(s).
- They are produced by different genes that vary only slightly.
- Often, various isozymes are present in different tissues of the
- body. They can be regulated differently .
- They can have different catalytic activities.



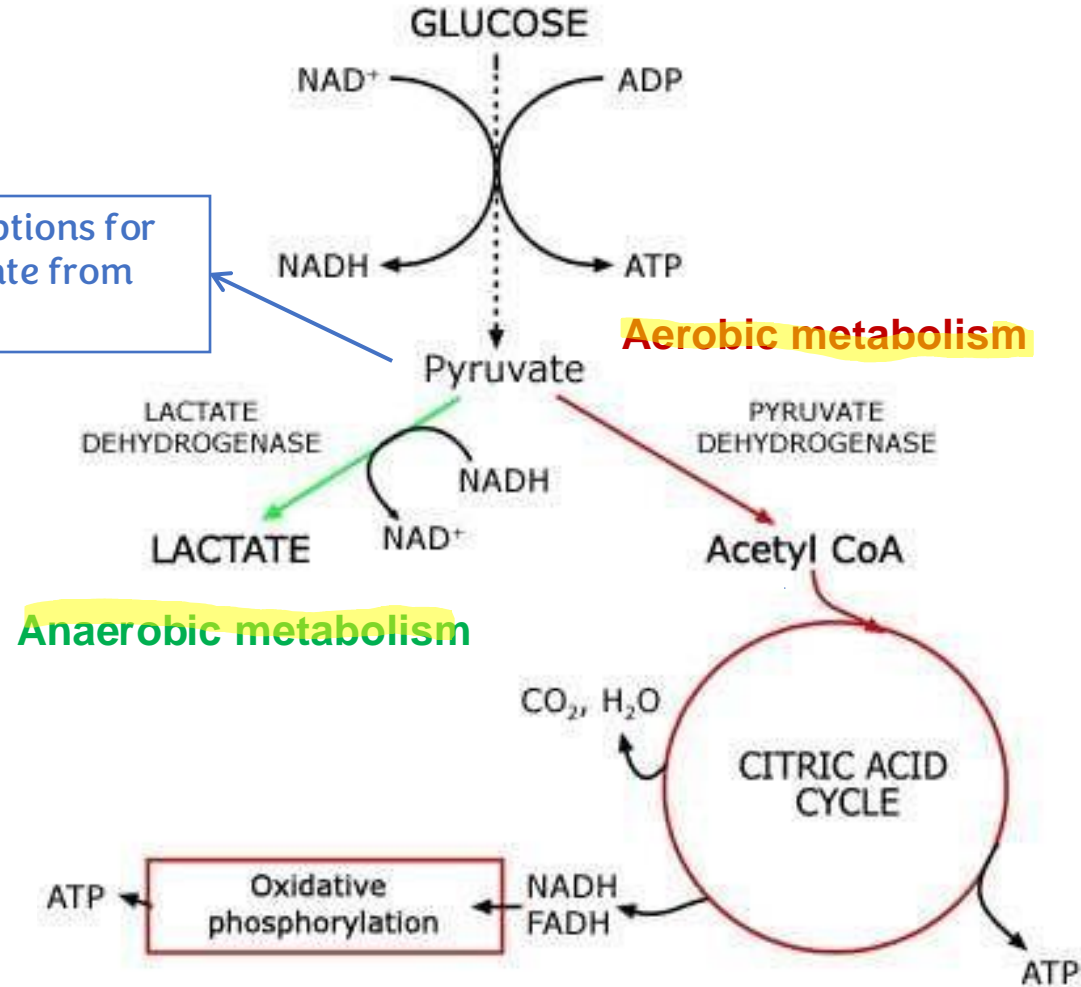
Aerobic vs. anaerobic metabolism

Glycolysis (gly: sugar, lysis: break)
Breaking glucose → pyruvate

Two options for pyruvate from here

Cells decide based on oxygen availability

- There is oxygen → acetyl coA → Krebs cycle → oxidative phosphorylation (high ATP)
- No oxygen → lactate dehydrogenase (pyruvate to lactate or reverse reaction)

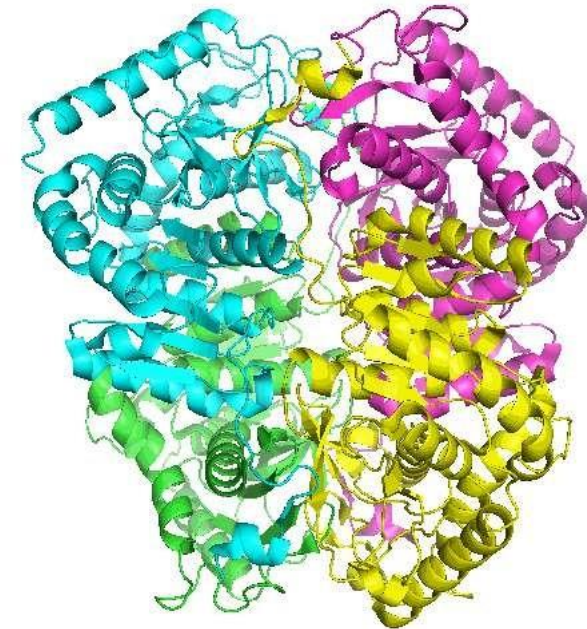
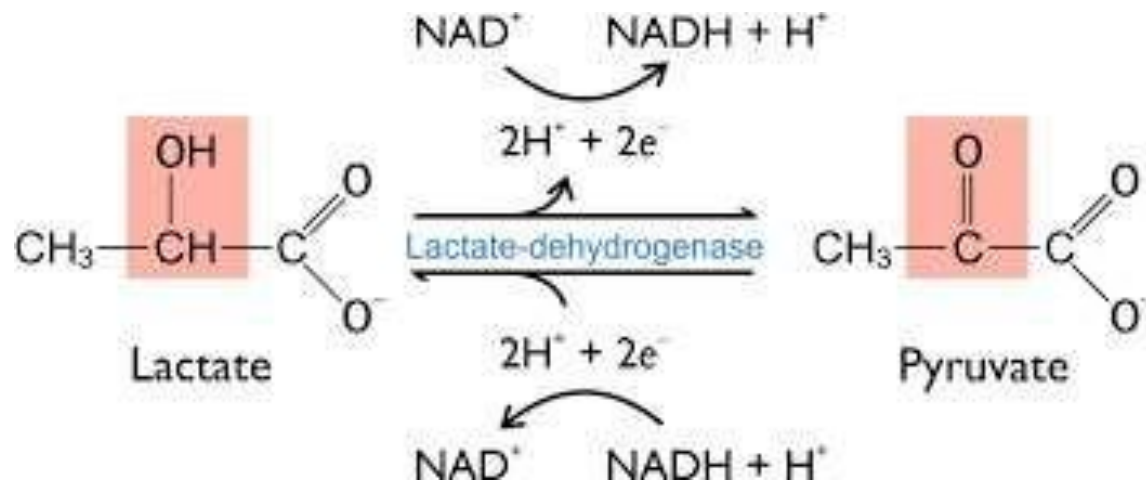


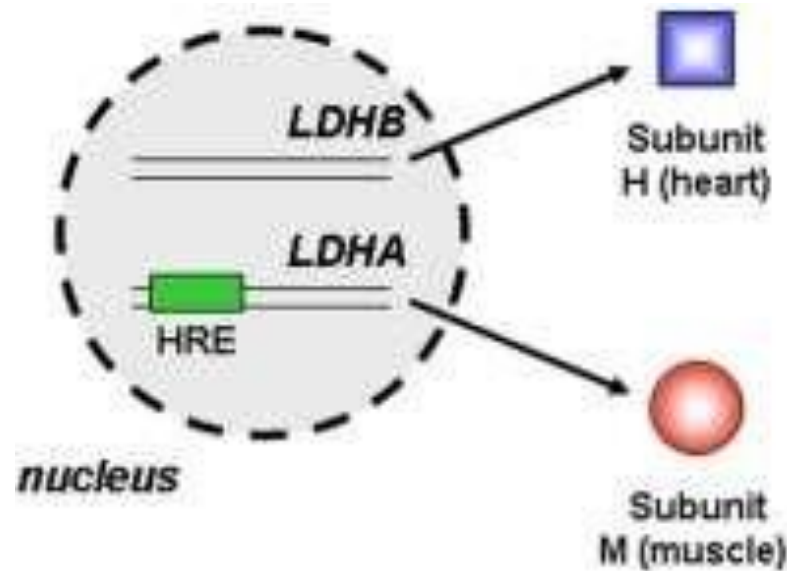
Lactate dehydrogenases (LDH)

Lactate dehydrogenase: Lactate \rightarrow pyruvate OR pyruvate \rightarrow lactate (with same reaction)

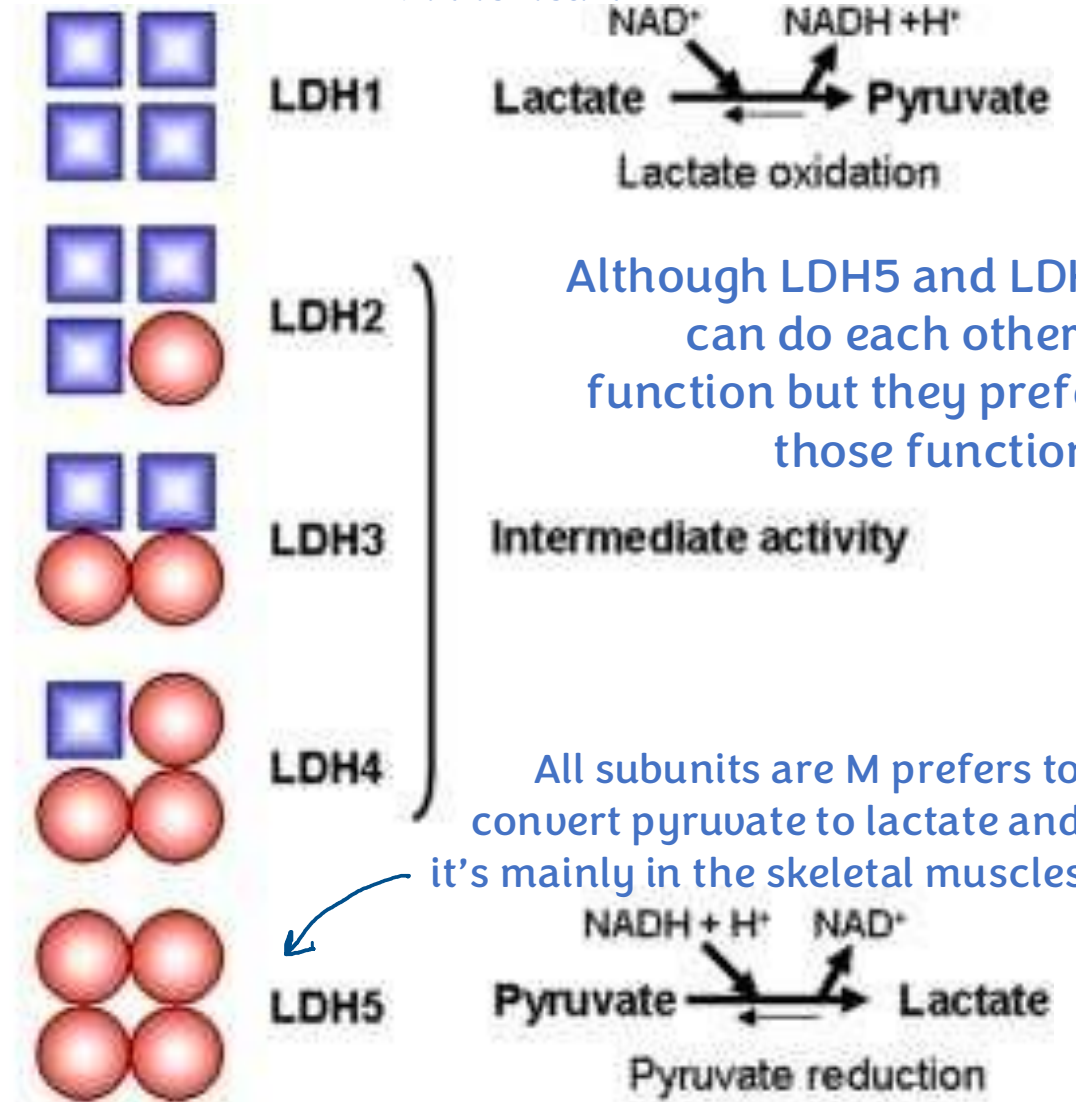
Four polypeptide subunits, can be made of different combinations of two polypeptide chains (H or M); two chains = different genes

- LDH is a tetrameric enzyme composed of a combination of one or two protein subunits: H (heart) and M (skeletal muscle).
- These subunits combine in various ways leading to 5 distinct isozymes leading to 5 distinct isozymes (LDH1-5) with different combinations of the M and H subunits (H₄, H₃M, H₂M₂, HM₃, and M₄).
Homotetramers: H₄, M₄
- The H₄ isozyme is characteristic of that from heart tissue, and the M₄ isozyme is typically found in skeletal muscle and liver.





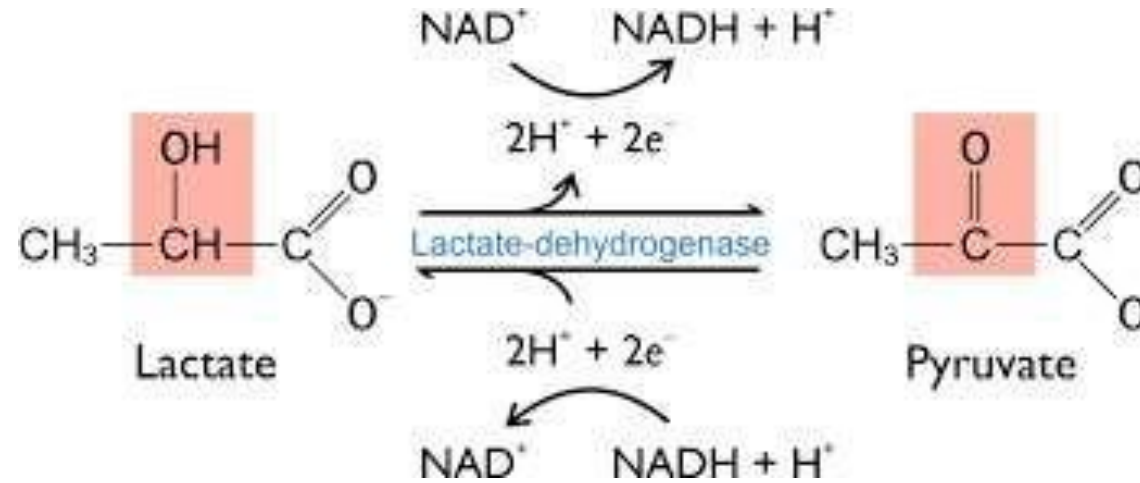
All subunits are H prefers to convert lactate to pyruvate and it's mainly in the heart



- Although the five (isozymes) catalyze the same reaction, they differ in their primary structure, kinetic properties, tissue distribution, affinity to the substrate, regulation, and isoelectric point. **And in genes**
- The M subunit a higher affinity towards pyruvate, thus converting pyruvate to lactate and NADH to NAD⁺.
- The H subunit has a higher affinity towards lactate, resulting in a preferential conversion of lactate to pyruvate and NAD⁺ to NADH.

Logic behind tissue distribution

Extra: athletes feel pain in their muscles cuz when lactate is traveling through the blood it reduces its pH and for people trying to lose weight they must focus on aerobic exercises so the glucose breaks down directly not converting to lactate



Lactate which is produced by the muscles goes by the blood then to the heart that use it in the krebs cycle to produce ATP and pyruvate cuz it function aerobically only

Only memories
LDH1 & LDH5

Isoenzyme	Structure	Present in
LDH1	(H ₄)	Myocardium
LDH2	(H ₃ M ₁)	RBC
LDH3	(H ₂ M ₂)	Lungs
LDH4	(H ₁ M ₃)	Kidney
LDH5	(M ₄)	Skeletal muscle, Liver

As muscles are lazy metabolically and they can survive by producing lactate and small amount of ATP

- Muscles can function anaerobically, but heart tissues cannot.
 - Whereas the M4 isozyme catalyzes the reduction of pyruvate into lactate, the H4 enzyme catalyzes the reverse reaction.
- They are considered as isozymes

Hexokinase vs glucokinase

They differ in kinetics and regulation They are also produced by different genes

Can phosphorylate
other sugars

Phosphorylation of the glucose

- Hexokinase and glucokinase (hexokinase IV) are allosteric isozymes that catalyze:

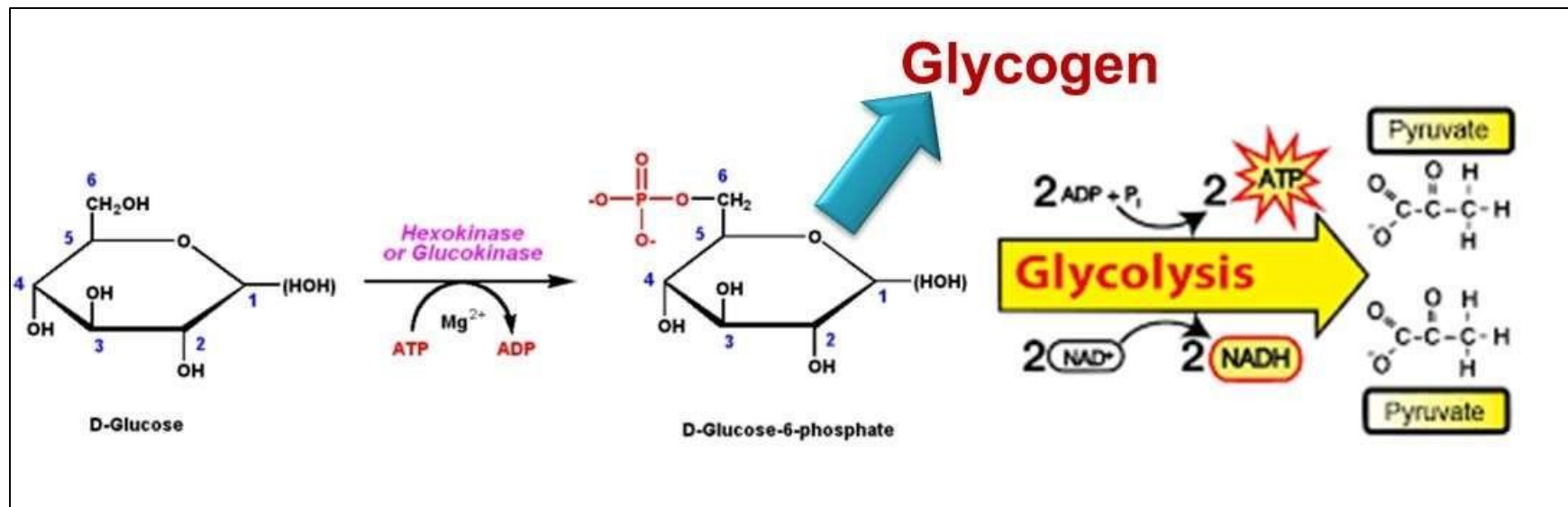


- Glucokinase is a liver (and pancreatic) enzyme, whereas hexokinase is a RBC (and skeletal muscle) enzyme.

- The purpose of liver glucose is to balance glucose level in the blood.
- The purpose of RBC glucose is to produce energy.

As liver is the main bank of glucose producing it from breaking down glycogen

As RBCs doesn't have mitochondria so their only source of energy is to convert glucose into lactate



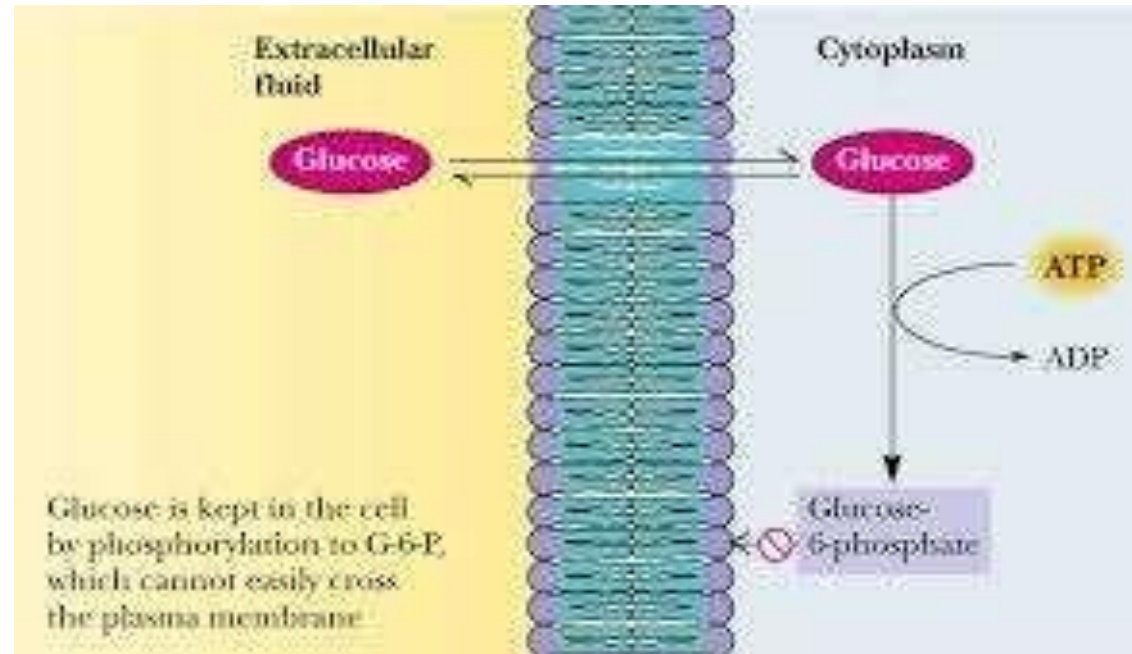
Biological significance

As phosphate groups are negatively charged so they prevent the glucose from getting out

- Note: once glucose is phosphorylated, it cannot cross plasma membrane out of cells.
- Liver: low efficiency enzyme to provide glucose to other organs.
- RBC and skeletal muscles: high efficiency enzyme to trap glucose.

So it doesn't actually phosphorylate directly because its main function is to provide other tissues with glucose

As it's the main source of energy of the RBC



Regulation of hexokinase and glucokinase

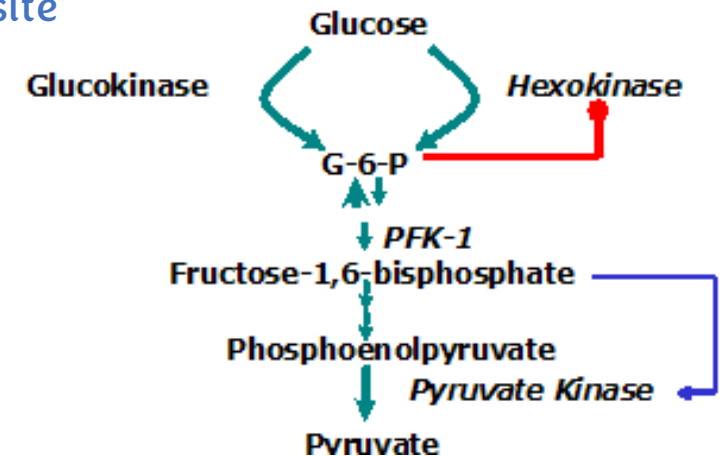
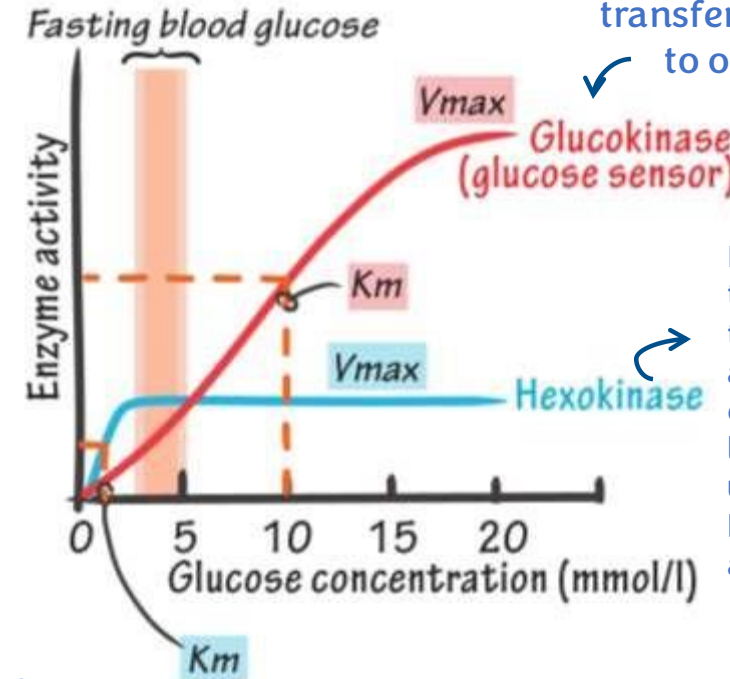
- Note V_{max} and K_M values (low - 0.1 mM for hexokinase and (high - 10 mM for glucokinase)

Regulation

- Hexokinase is inhibited by glucose-6-phosphate, but glucokinase is not. As liver can store high amounts of glucose as glycogen
- Glucokinase is activated by insulin and inhibited by glucagon. Insulin increase the secretion of glucokinase when the sugar level is high and glucagon does the opposite

Significance:

- At fasting state, glucose is not stored. So it transfer to other tissues that need it
- At well-fed state, RBCs and skeletal muscles do not consume all glucose in blood and liver can convert excess glucose to glycogen for storage.



Regulation of enzymatic activity

Inhibitors

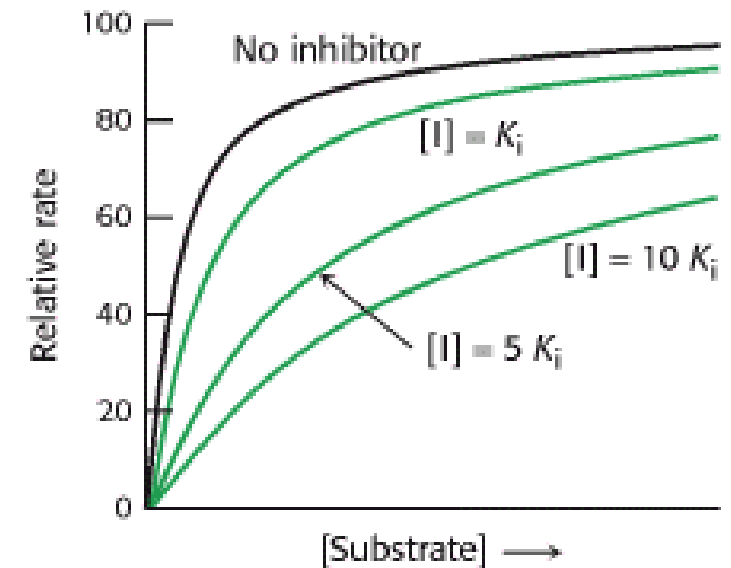
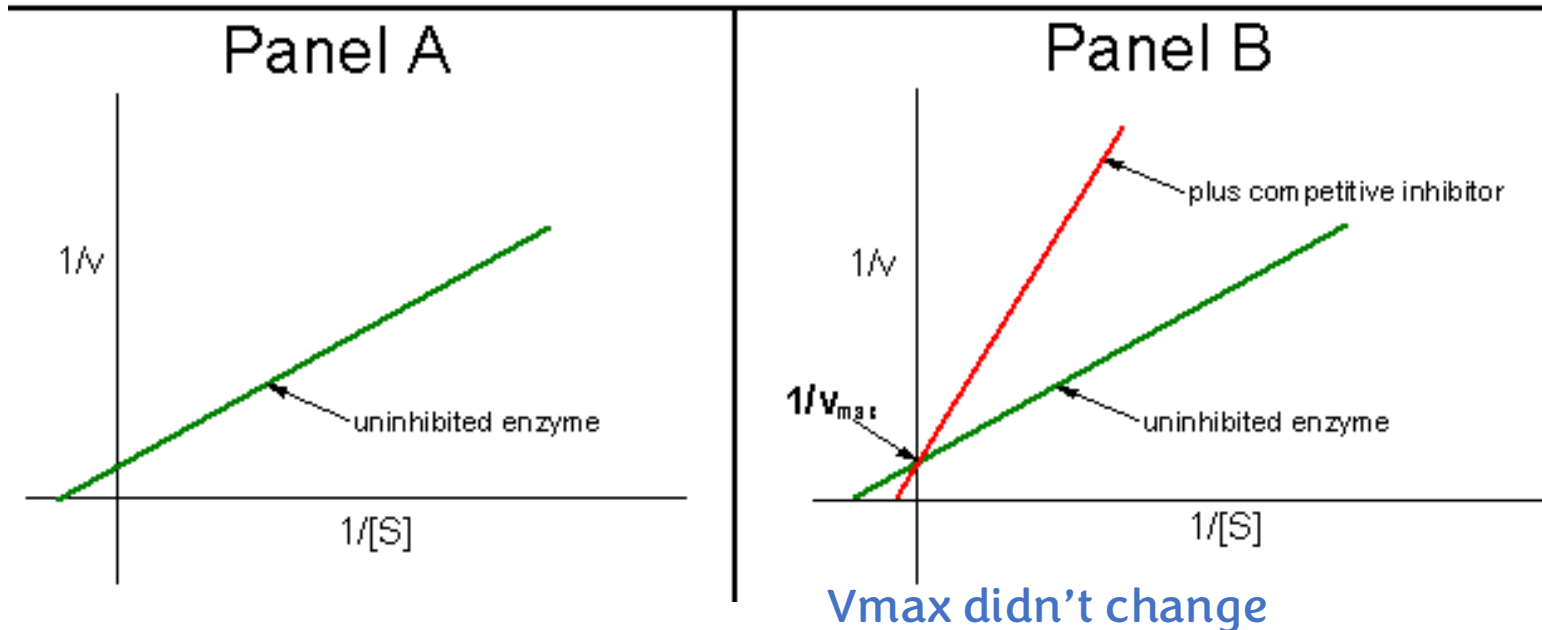
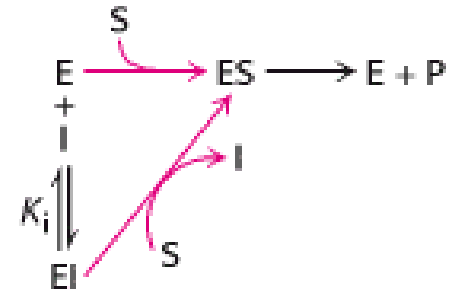
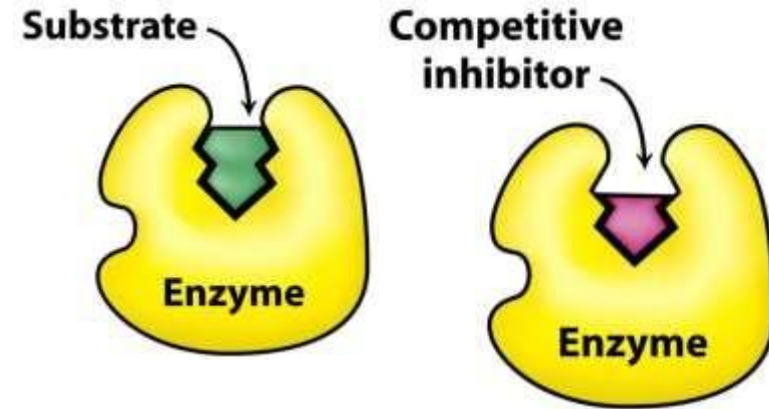
Enzyme inhibitors

- Enzyme inhibition can be either reversible or irreversible.
 - Reversible inhibitors rapidly dissociate from enzymes (e.g. non-covalent binding).
 - Competitive, noncompetitive, or uncompetitive inhibition.
 - An irreversible inhibitor is tightly bound (e.g. covalently) to the enzyme.
 - Lower concentration of active enzyme.
- All physiological inhibitors are reversible but synthetic ones can be irreversible

Competitive inhibition

- Competitive inhibitors compete with the substrate for the active site.
- Increasing substrate can overcome inhibition.
- Same V_{max} , but higher K_M

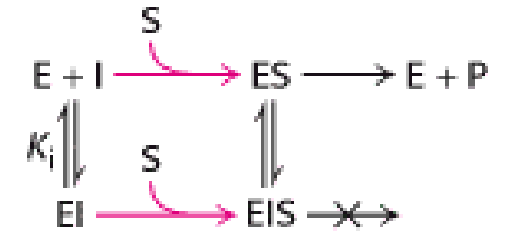
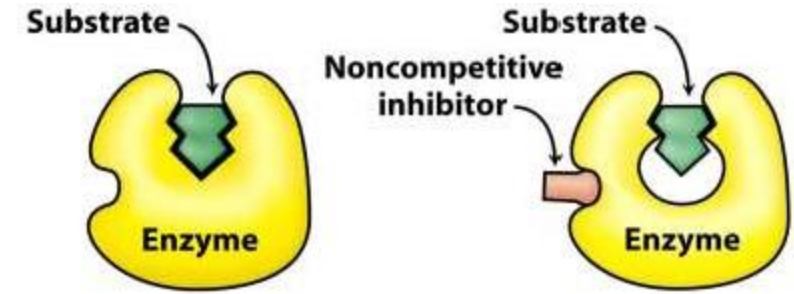
Let's say we have specific inhibitor concentration and low substrate concentration and I started to increase substrate concentration will I ever reach V_{max} ? Yes I will but to reach half V_{max} we need higher concentration of substrate because there's a competition



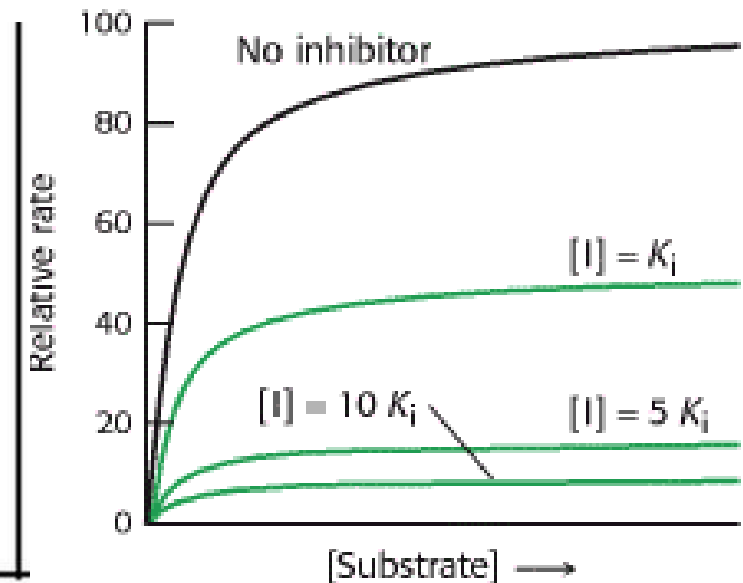
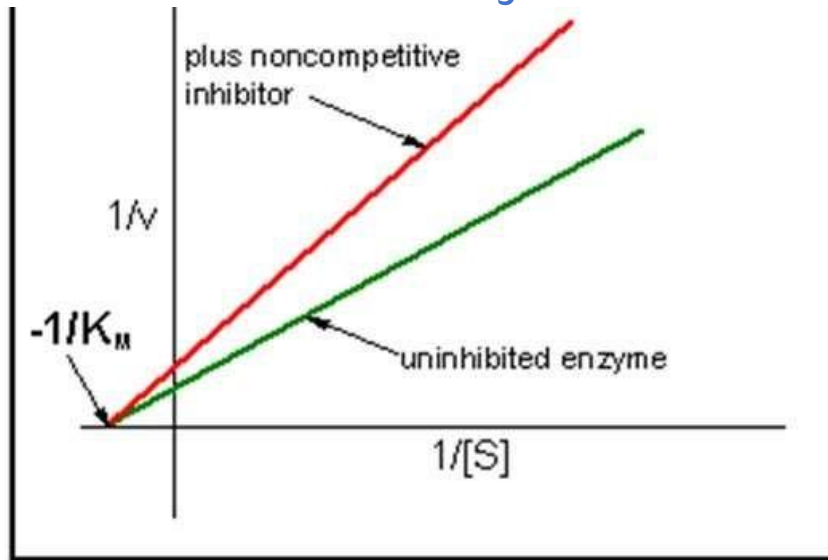
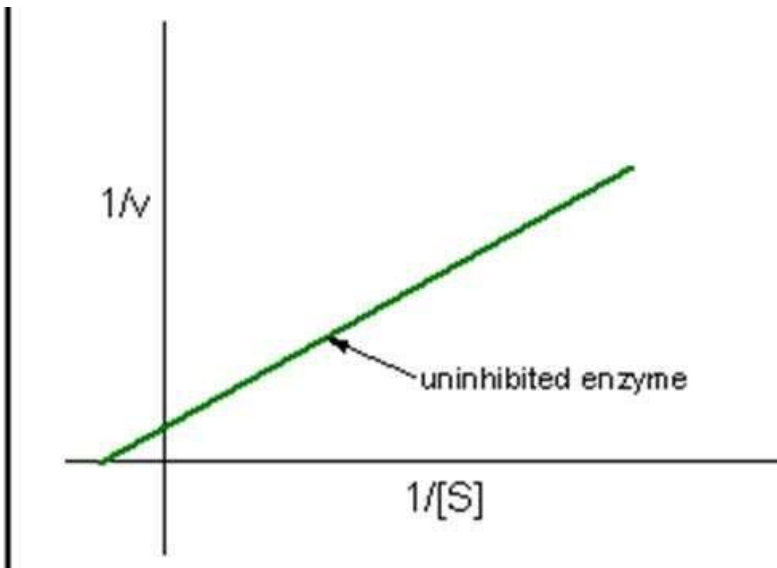
Noncompetitive inhibition

Imp note: The doctor said he loves hypothetical questions so focus on understanding the concepts

- Noncompetitive inhibitors bind E or ES complex at a site other than the catalytic site.
- Substrate can bind to the enzyme-inhibitor complex, but ESI cannot form a product.
- Lower V_{max} , but same K_M



The active site changes but this doesn't affect the binding of the substrate but the enzyme cannot catalyze the reaction



Mechanism-based inhibitors

- **Irreversible inhibitors**

- Mechanism-based inhibitors mimic or participate in an intermediate step of the catalytic reaction.

- They include:

- **Covalent inhibitors**

- **Transition state analogs**

- **Heavy metals**

Irreversible inhibitors decrease the concentration of active enzyme.

- As they bind to the enzymes and inhibit them irreversibly so they affect the V_{max}

Covalent inhibitors

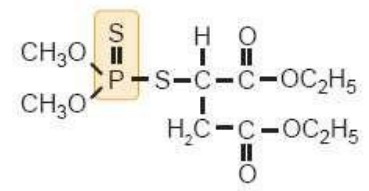
- They form covalent or extremely tight bonds with active site amino acids. They modify the active site chemically

- Example: di-isopropyl fluorophosphate (DFP) is an organophosphate

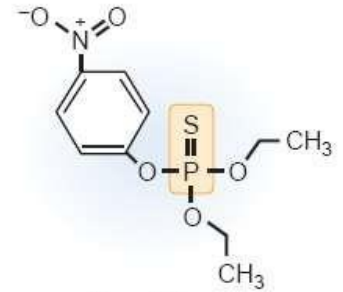
- The nerve gas sarin
- The insecticides malathion & parathion.
- DFP inhibits acetylcholinesterase preventing the degradation of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine.

Causing paralysis because of the accumulation of acetylcholine in the nervous system

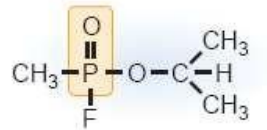
DFP also inhibits other enzymes that use serine (ex. serine proteases), but not lethal.



Malathion

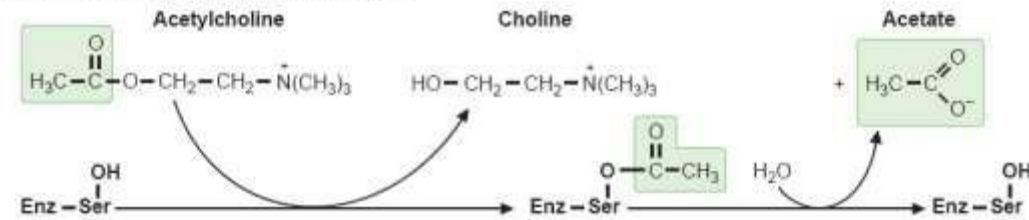


Parathion

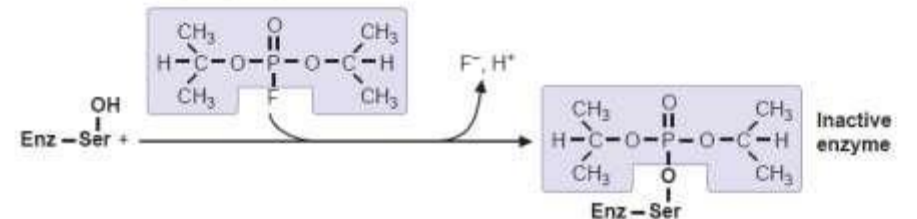


Sarin

A. Normal reaction of acetylcholinesterase

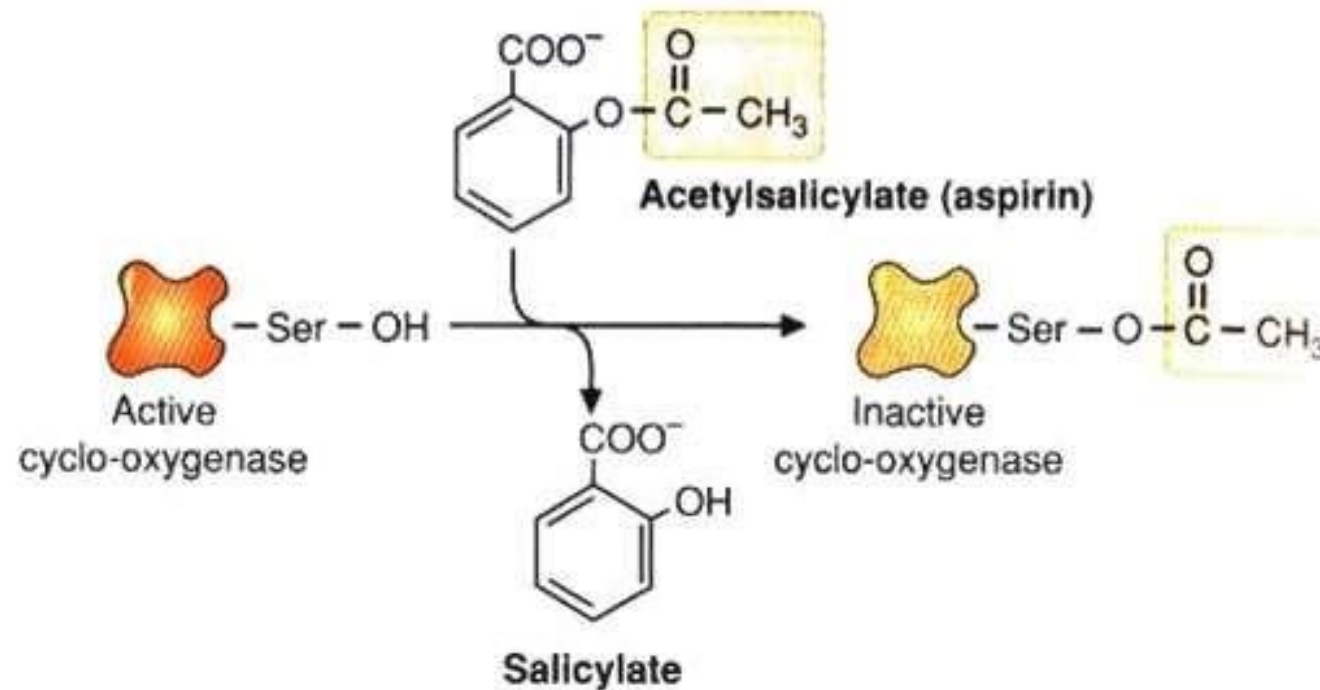


B. Reaction with organophosphorus inhibitors



Aspirin

- Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) acetylates an active site serine of cyclooxygenase. *Which inhibits the enzymes*
- Aspirin resembles a portion of the prostaglandin precursor that is a physiologic substrate for the enzyme.



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