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# **Enzyme Inhibition**

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# Enzyme Inhibition

- Any chemical entity or compound which either retards or blocks enzyme catalysis.
- Enzyme inhibitors are compounds that reduce enzyme catalysed reaction.
- The inhibitor may interact reversibly or irreversibly with the enzyme.

# Importance of enzyme inhibition

- Regulation of enzyme activity.
- Catalytic groups at the active site.
- Substrate specificity of enzyme.
- Kinetic mechanism of an enzyme in a multi-substrate reaction.

# Types of inhibitors

## 1. Reversible Inhibitor :

- Interacts with enzyme through non-covalent association/dissociation reaction.

## 2. Irreversible Inhibitor :

- It forms covalent bonds with side chain or prosthetic groups in the enzyme .

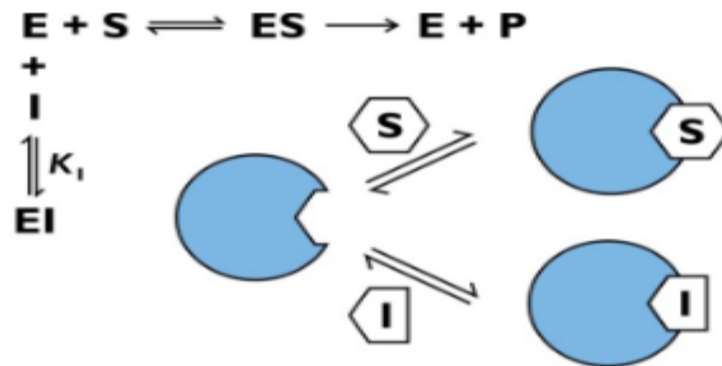
# Reversible Inhibitors

- It falls into three major categories :
  - a) Competitive
  - b) Uncompetitive
  - c) Mixed

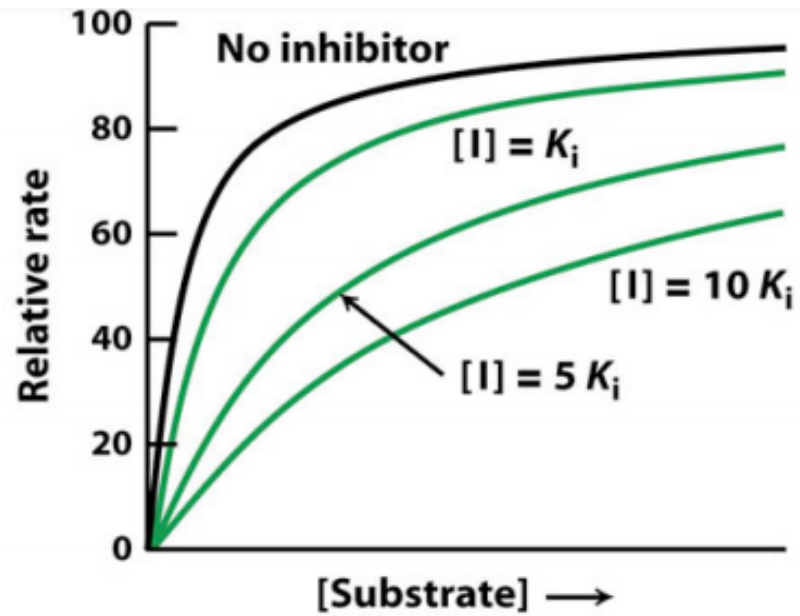
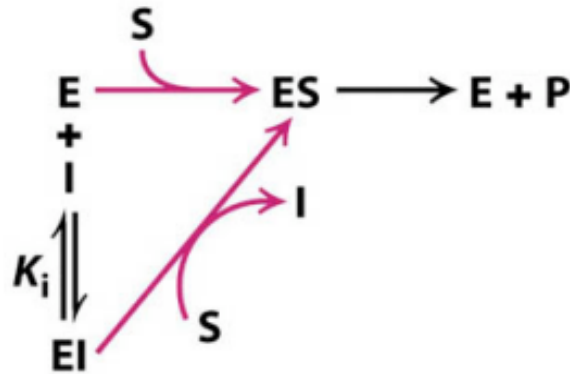
# Competitive Inhibitor

A competitive Inhibitor often has structural similarity to those of the substrate whose reaction they inhibit. e.g. succinate dehydrogenase..

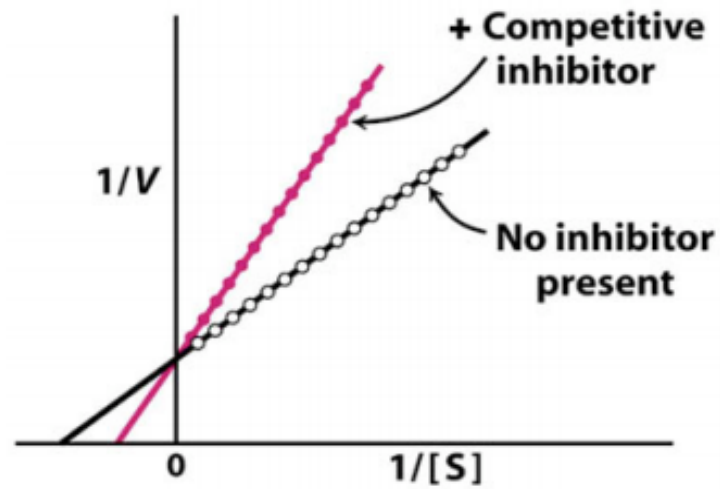
- Increases  $K_m$  but does not affect  $V_{max}$ .



Berg, Tymoczko & Stryer, 6th ed. Fig. 8.17:  
 $V_o$  vs.  $[S]$ , competitive inhibition



Berg, Tymoczko & Stryer, 6th ed. Fig. 8.20:  
 $1/V_o$  vs.  $1/[S]$ , competitive inhibition

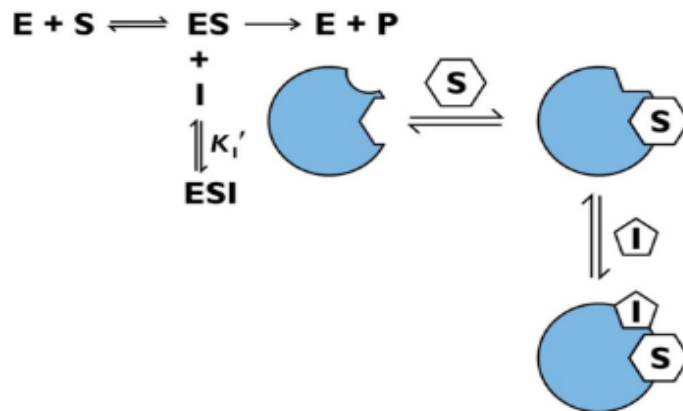


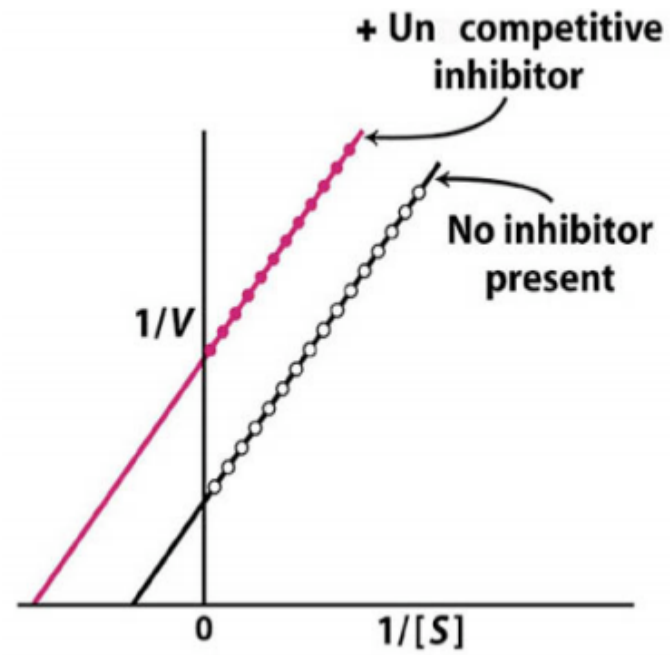
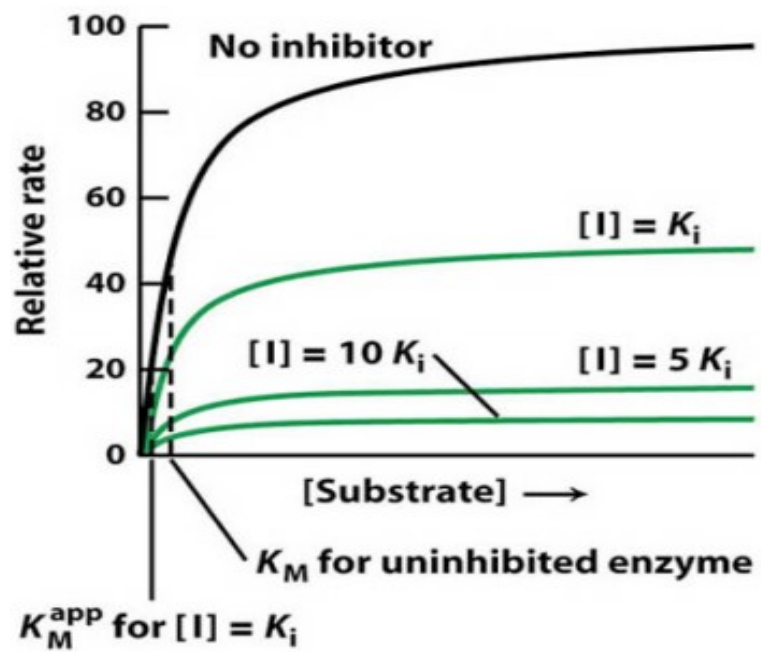
Double reciprocal Lineweaver-Burk analysis of competitive inhibition

# Uncompetitive Inhibitor

It does not bind to free enzyme but to enzyme-substrate complex to yield an inactive ESI complex e.g. 3-enolpyruvylshikimate-5-P-synthase.

- Both  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$  decreased by same factor.

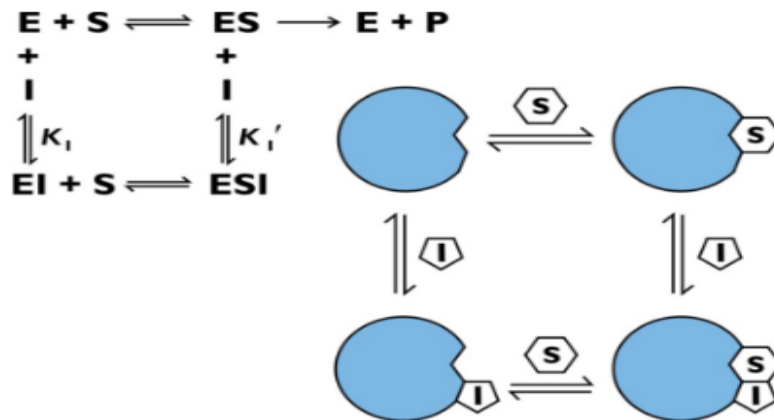


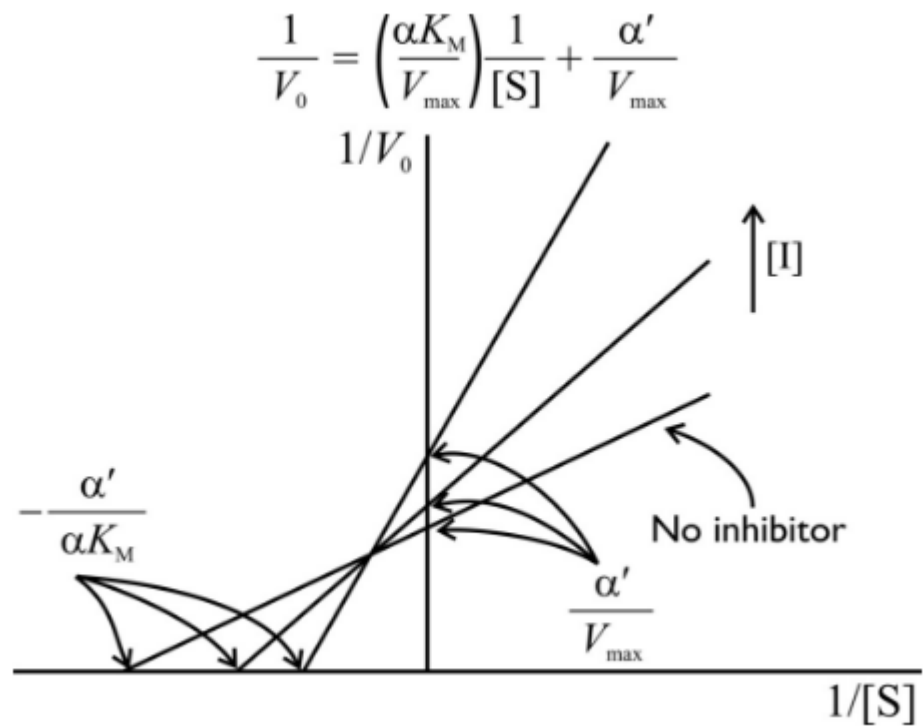


Double reciprocal Lineweaver-Burk analysis of uncompetitive inhibition

# Mixed Inhibition

- It can bind to the free enzymes as well as to the enzyme-substrate complex.
- When  $a=a'$ , non-competitive inhibition occurs.





Double reciprocal Lineweaver-Burk analysis of mixed inhibition

# Irreversible Inhibition

- Transition state analog: structural similarity to transition state, which binds even more tightly to enzyme than substrate, very high affinity for active site.
- Suicide Inhibitor: structural similarity to substrate 'guides' reagent to active site.
- e.g. Penicillin (for both transition-state analog and suicide inhibitor)

# Questions

- What type of enzyme inhibitor is Diisopropylflourophosphate?
- What is the difference between competitive and uncompetitive inhibitor ?
- What is the need for studying enzyme inhibition?
- Three inhibitors with their  $K_i$  values provided below, which inhibitor binds with a higher affinity to the free enzyme?

Inhibitor	$K_i$ (uM)
A	5
B	1
C	0.2

# References

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