



# STUDY MATERIAL

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Topic: Enzyme Inhibition

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# Enzyme Inhibitor

Enzyme Inhibitor:

❖ An Enzyme inhibitor is a compound that decreases or tends to decrease the rate of an enzyme catalyzed reaction by influencing the binding of S and /or its turnover number.

# Reversible Inhibition

➤ weak non-covalent Inhibitor binds to Enzyme reversibly through weak non-covalent interactions

➤ An Equilibrium is established between the free inhibitor & EI Complex and is defined by an equilibrium constant ( $K_i$ )



➤ The activity of Enzyme Is fully restored on removing the Inhibitor by dialysis.

➤ Reversible Inhibitors depending on concentration of E, S and I, show a definite degree of inhibition which is reached fairly rapidly and remains constant when initial velocity studies are carried out. constant when initial velocity studies are carried out.

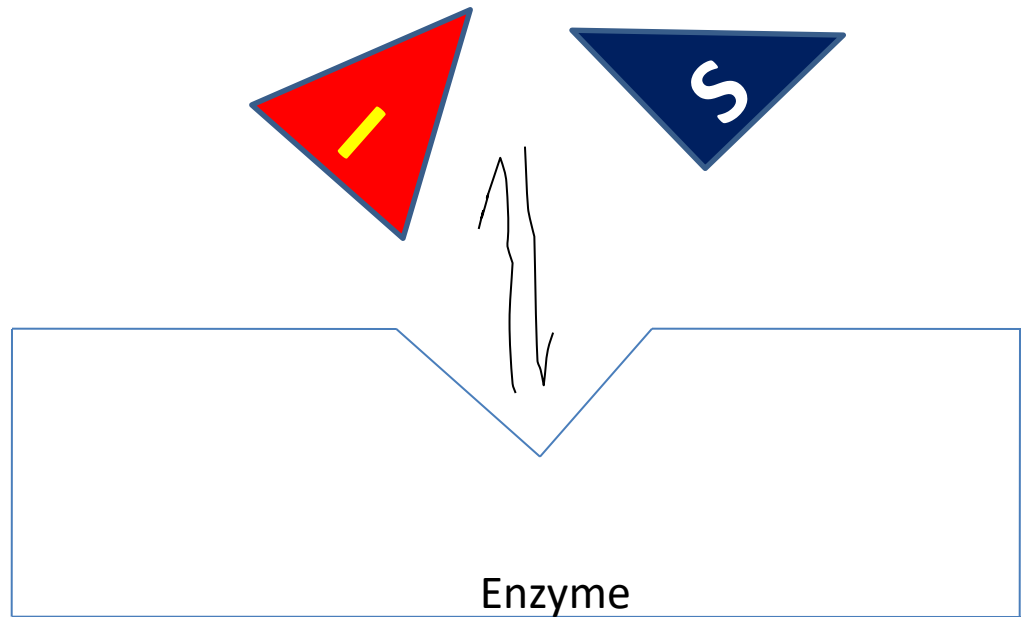
# Irreversible Inhibition

- Inhibitor binds at or near the active site of the enzyme irreversibly, usually by covalent bonds, so it can't dissociate from the enzyme.
- No equilibrium exists.
- Enzyme activity is not regained on dialysis.
- □ Effectiveness of I is expressed not by equilibrium constant but by a velocity constant, which determines the fraction of the enzyme inhibited in a given period of time by a certain concentration of the I

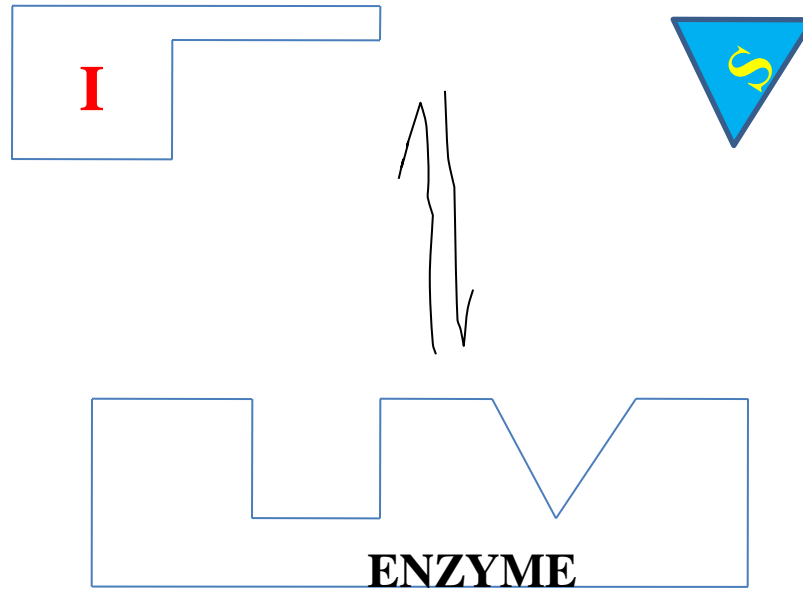
- A competitive I combines with the free enzyme to form an EI complex in a manner that prevents S binding.
- Binding of S & I is mutually exclusive.
- Inhibition can be reversed by increasing the concentration of S at a constant [I].
- Degree of inhibition will depend on the concentrations of S & I and on the relative affinities of the enzyme for S & I

# Binding of S & I in different Situations

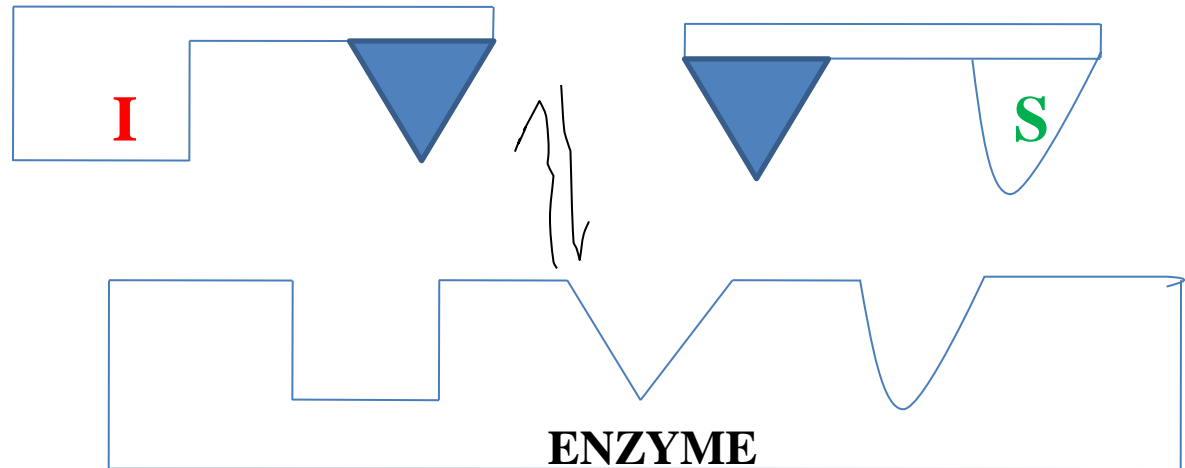
1. Classical Competitive Inhibition (S & I compete for the same binding site)



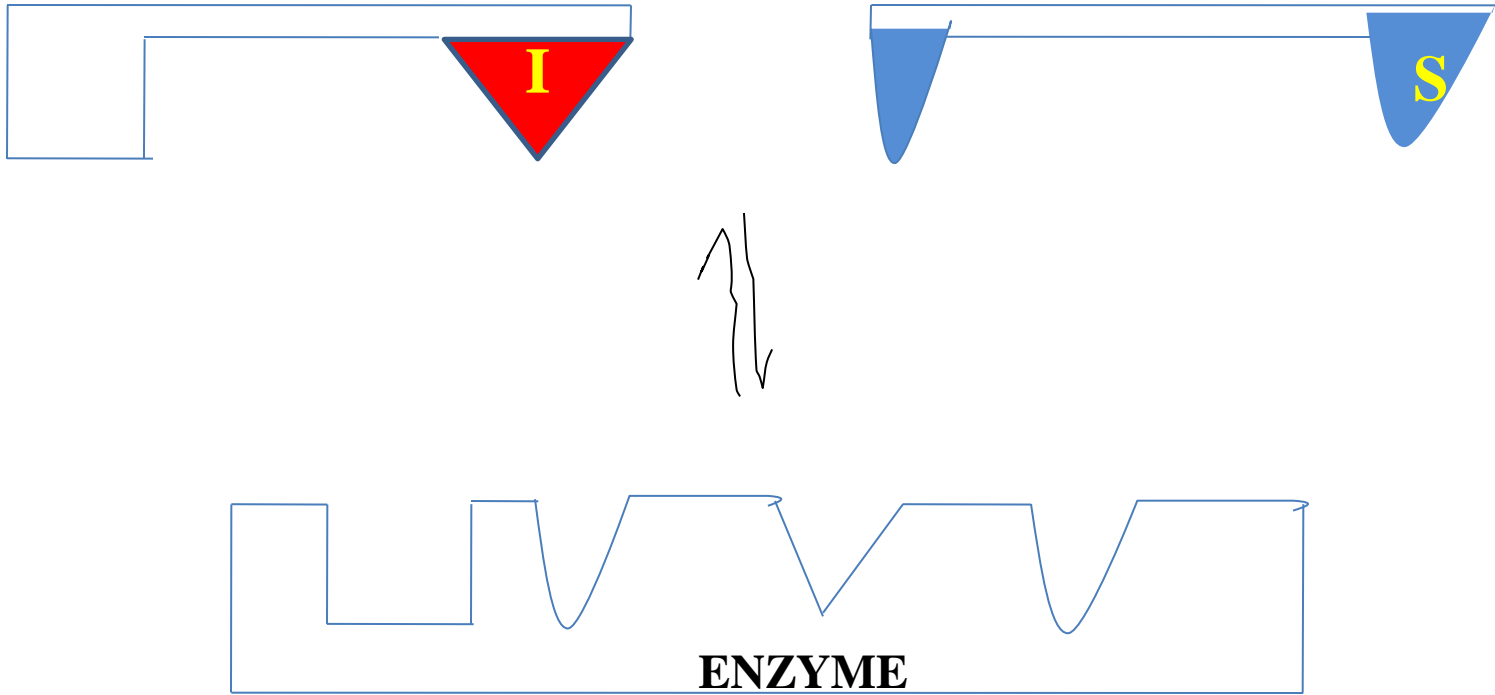
**2. S & I are mutually exclusive because of steric hindrance.**



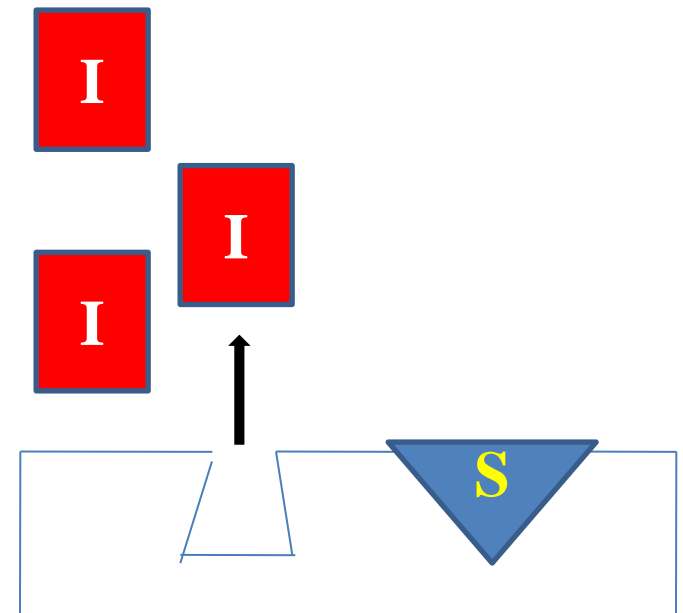
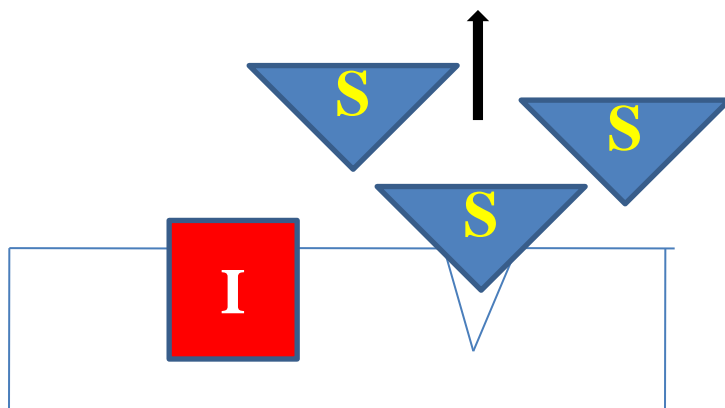
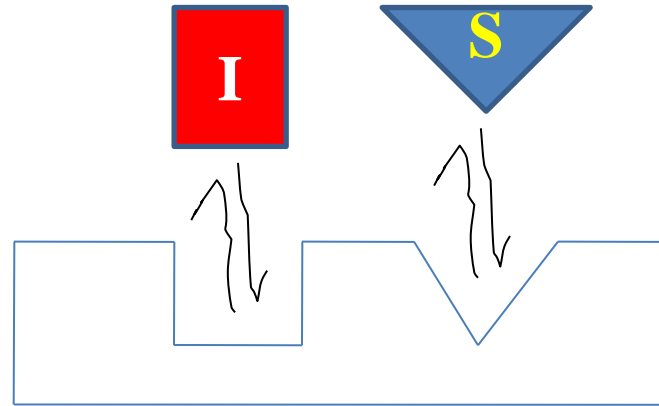
**3. S & I have a common binding group on the enzyme.**



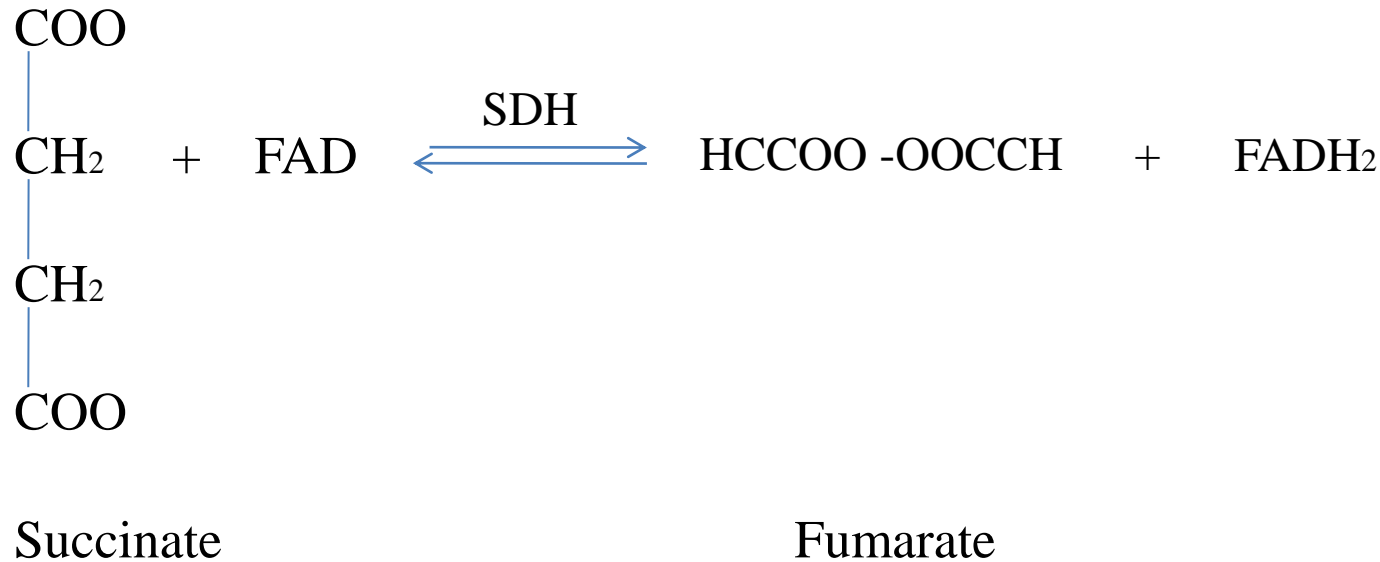
4. The binding sites for S & I are distinct but overlapping



5. Binding of I to a distinct inhibitor site causes a conformational change in the enzyme that distorts conformational change in the enzyme that distorts or masks the S binding site or vice versa.



# Examples for Competitive Inhibition

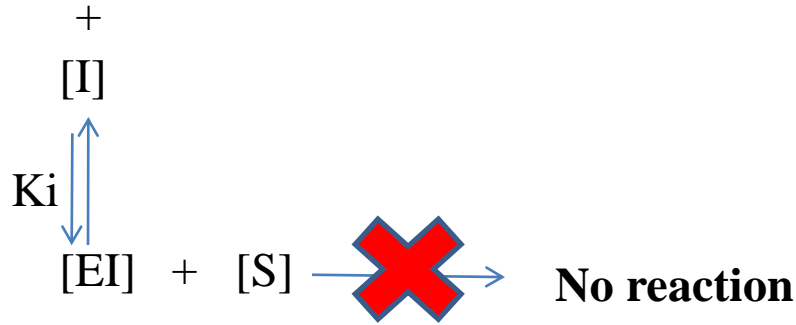
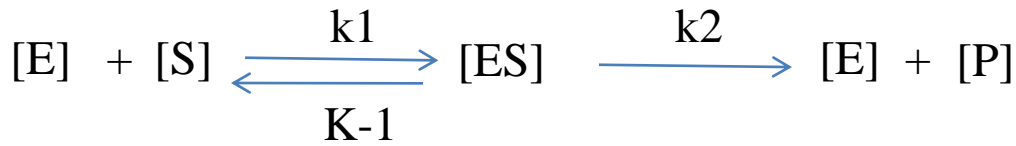


Malonate is a competitive inhibitor of SDH.

ii) Competitive inhibition accounts for the antibacterial action of sulfanilamide which is a structural analog of PABA.

Sulfanilamide inhibits the bacterial enzyme dihydropteroate synthetase which catalyzes the incorporation of PABA into 7,8-dihydropteroic acid.

# Derivation of velocity equation



$$K_i = \frac{[E][I]}{[EI]}$$

$$\text{Or, } [EI] = \frac{[E][I]}{K_i}$$

In the steady state assumption  $\frac{[E][S]}{[ES]} = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1} = K_m$

$$[ES] = \frac{[E][S]}{K_m}$$

$$V = K_2 [ES], \quad V_{\max} = K_2 [E]_T$$

$$\text{Now, } [E]_T = [E] + [ES] + [EI]$$

$$V_{\max} = K_2 ([E] + [ES] + [EI])$$

$$V_{\max} = k_2 ( [E] + [ES] + [EI] )$$

$$\frac{v}{V_{\max}} = \frac{k_2 [ES]}{k_2 ( [E] + [ES] + [EI] )} = \frac{[ES]}{[E] + [ES] + [EI]}$$

**Putting the value of [ES] and [EI]**

$$\frac{v}{V_{\max}} = \frac{\frac{[E] [S]}{K_m}}{[E] + \frac{[E] [S]}{K_m} + \frac{[E] [I]}{K_i}}$$

$$\frac{v}{V_{\max}} = \frac{\frac{[S]}{K_m}}{1 + \frac{[S]}{K_m} + \frac{[I]}{K_i}}$$

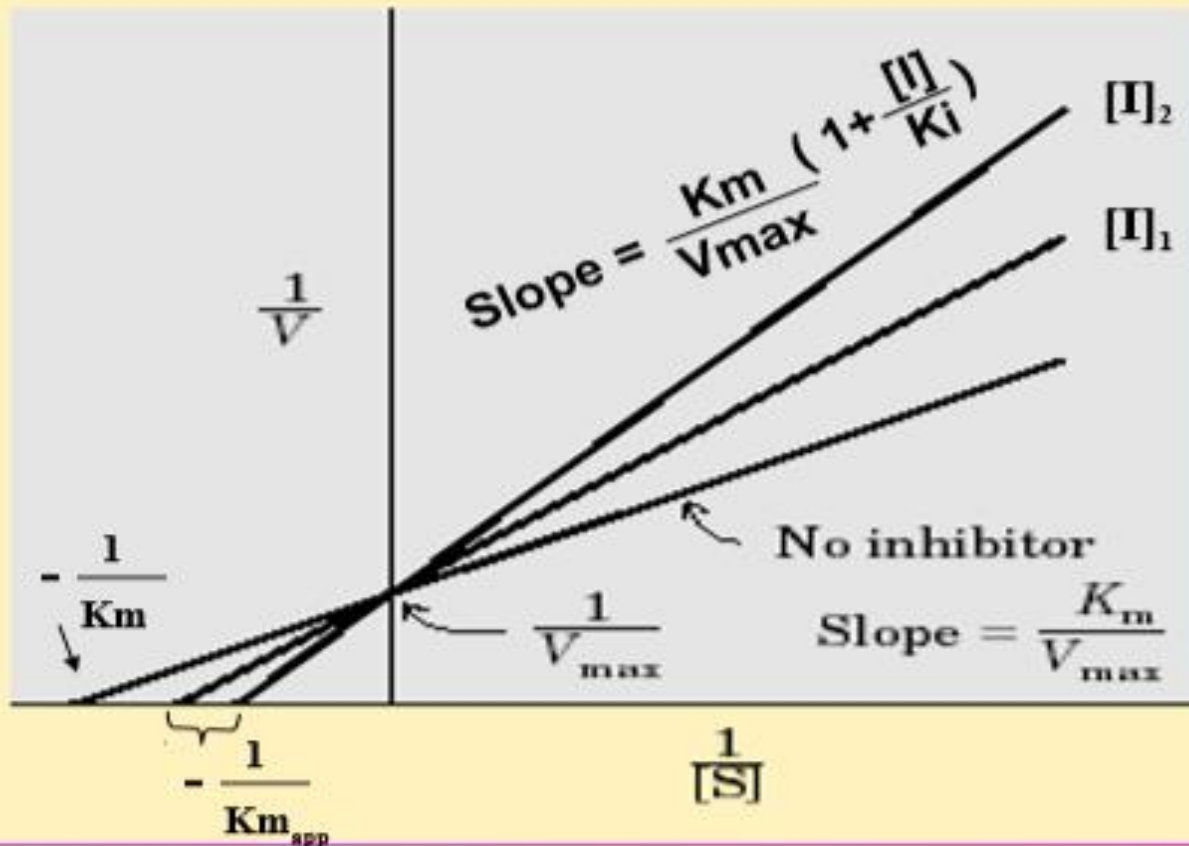
Multiplying by  $k_m$  both in the numerator and the denominator

$$\frac{v}{V_{\max}} = \frac{[S]}{K_m + [S] + \frac{[I]}{K_i} K_m}$$

$$\frac{v}{V_{\max}} = \frac{[S]}{K_m \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}\right) + [S]}$$

## Lineweaver Burk plot

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_m}{V_{max}} \left( 1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i} \right) \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{max}}$$



# Non-competitive Inhibition

- An inhibitor that binds to an enzyme to form a dead end complex, whether or not the active site is occupied by a substrate is termed as a Non-Competitive Inhibitor.
- Can bind either to E or ES complex
- Since I doesn't bear structural resemblance to the S, it must bind to the enzyme at a site distinct from the S binding site
- The presence of I does not affect S bonding but does interfere with the catalytic functioning of the enzyme
- The binding of I often deforms the E so that it doesn't form ES complex at a normal rate and once formed, ES complex doesn't decompose to yield products
- A Non-Competitive I doesn't affect the  $K_m$  because the binding of I does not block S binding or vice-versa
- I effectively lowers the concentration of active enzyme and hence decreases the apparent  $V$  hence decreases the apparent  $V_{max}$
- since there is no competition between S & I, the inhibition is not reversed by increasing the [S]

# Examples for Non- Competitive Inhibition

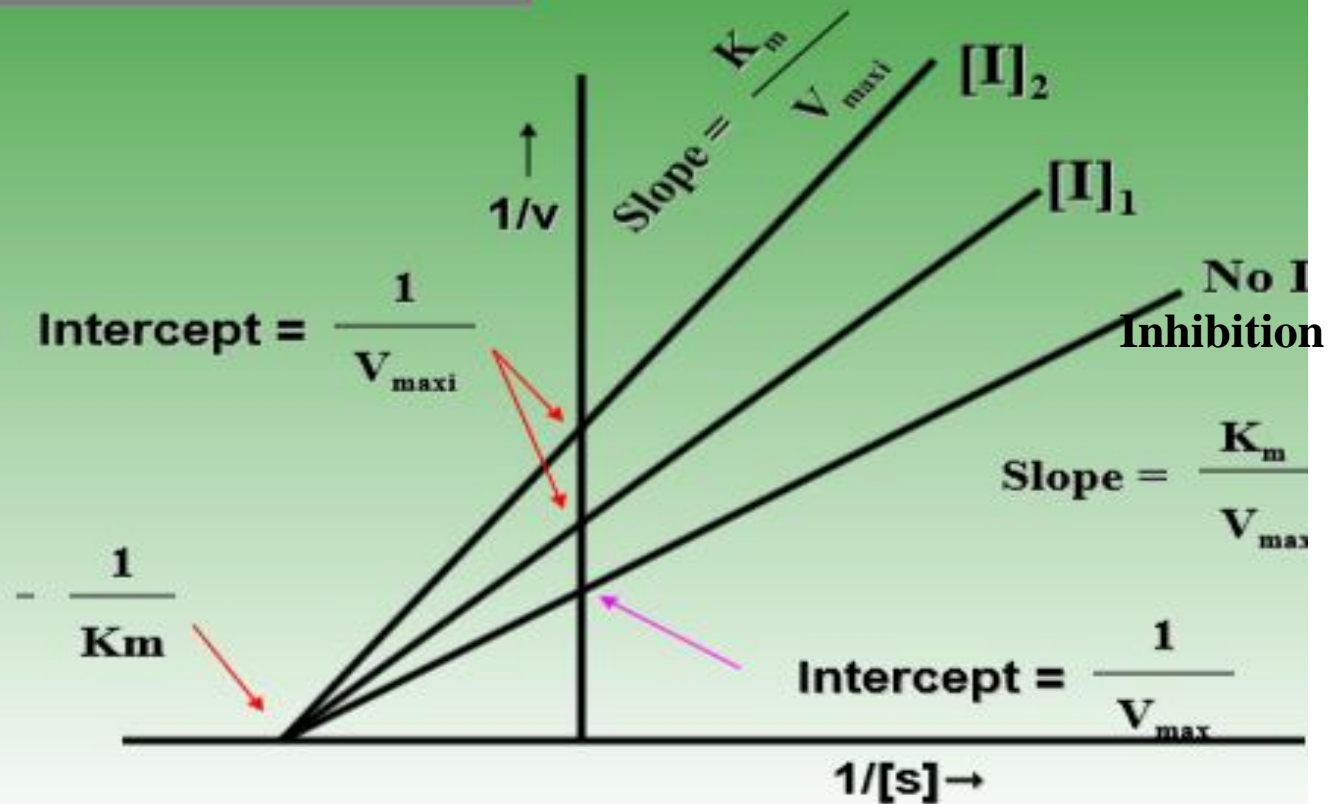
1. Enzymes requiring divalent metal ions (e.g.  $Mg^{2+}$  &  $Ca^{2+}$  etc) for their activity are inhibited non-competitively by chelating agents like EDTA which removes metal ions from the enzyme
2. Enzymes with  $-SH$  groups that participate in the maintenance of the three dimensional conformation of the molecule are non-competitively inhibited by heavy metal ions.

## □ Lineweaver – Burk Plot

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_m}{V_{maxi}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{maxi}}$$

Both slope & Intercept Increased By the factor

$$\frac{(1+[I])}{K_i}$$

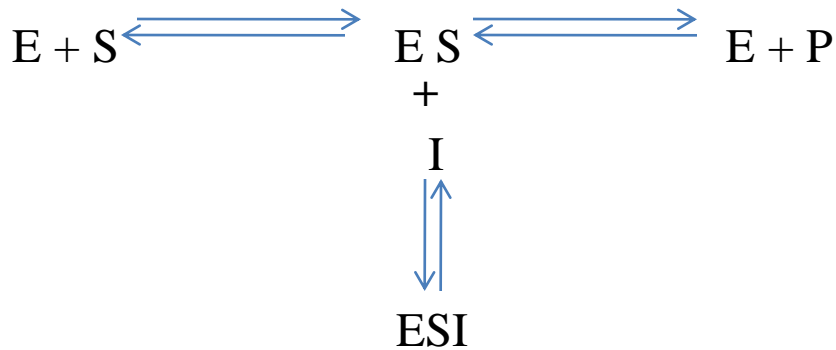


# Uncompetitive Inhibition

- I doesn't bind to the free E rather it binds to the ES complex
- The binding of an Uncompetitive I is presumed to cause structural distortion of the active site making the enzyme catalytically inactive
- The binding of S could cause a conformational change in the E thereby revealing an I binding site
- Inhibition can't be reversed by increasing the [S] since I doesn't compete with S for the same binding site

UC Inhibition is rare in single-substrate reactions.

for e.g. Inhibition of intestinal alkaline phosphatase by L- phenylalanine. It is common in multisubstrate reactions phenylalanine.



➤ The equilibria show that at any [I] an infinitely high [S] will not drive all the enzyme to ES form; some non productive ESI complex will always be present. Consequently an Uncompetitive I will decrease the  $V_{max}$ .

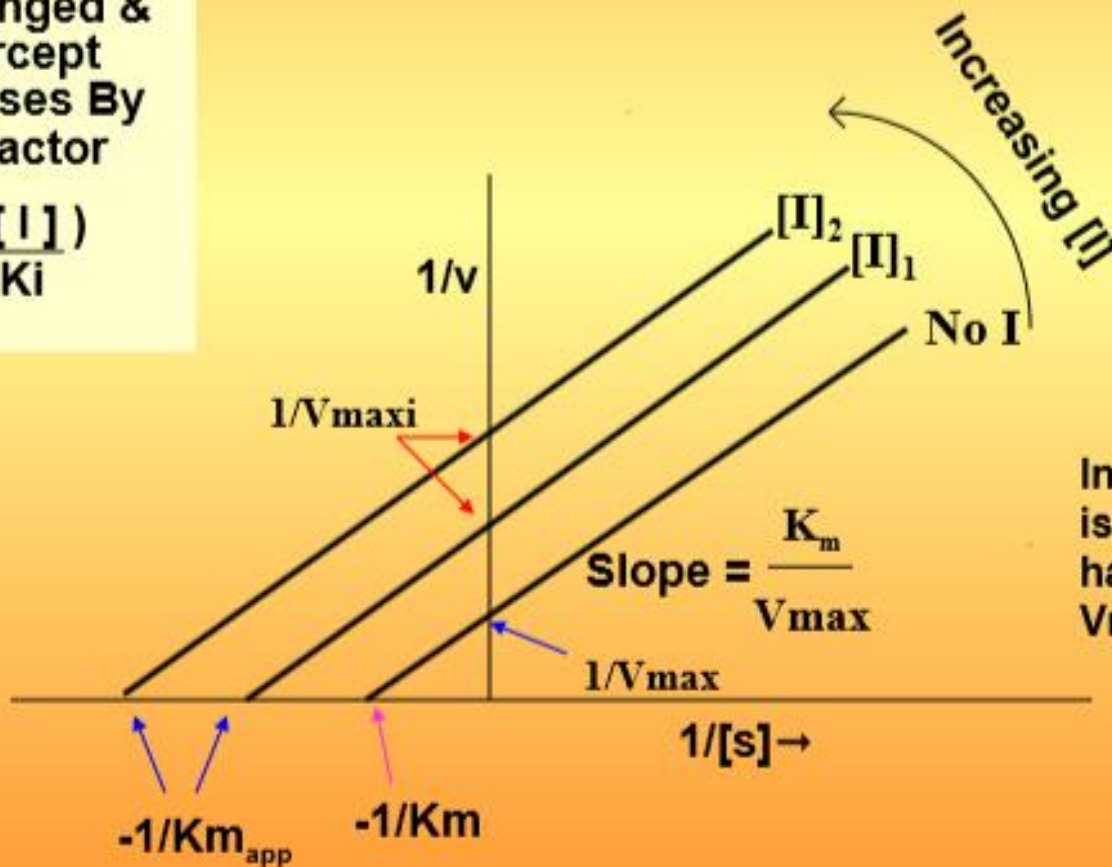
➤ An Uncompetitive I will also decrease the  $K_m(\text{app})$  because the reaction  $ES + I \longrightarrow ESI$  removes some ES causing the reaction  $E + S \longrightarrow ES$  to proceed to the right.

# Lineweaver Burk plot

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_m}{V_{max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{max}} \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}\right)$$

Slope remains Unchanged & Intercept Increases By the factor

$$\left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_i}\right)$$

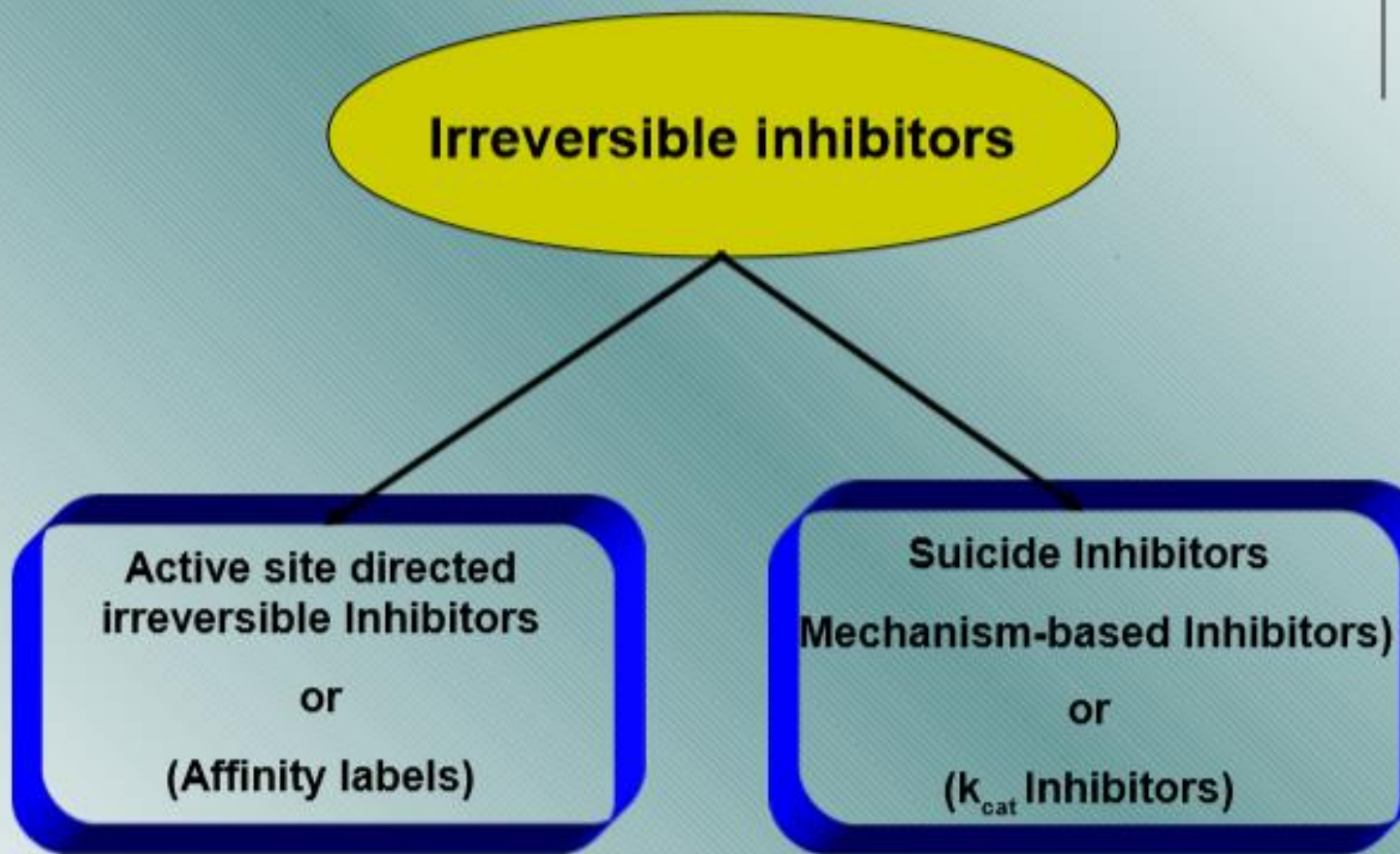


Incase of UC Inhibition  $K_i$  is that conc<sup>n</sup> of I which halves the value of both  $V_{max}$  and  $K_m$

# Irreversible Inhibition

- An irreversible Inhibitor binds at or near the active site of the enzyme irreversibly, usually by covalent bonds, so that it can't subsequently dissociate from the enzyme
- The I destroys as essential functional group on the enzyme that participates in normal S binding or catalytic action. As a result the enzyme is rendered permanently inactive.
- Compounds which irreversibly denature the enzyme protein or cause non-specific inactivation of the active site are not usually regarded as irreversible inhibitors.
- Organophosphorus compounds (such as DFP) irreversibly react with the –OH group of essential serine residue of some enzymes
- DFP (Diisopropylphosphofluoridate) is a nerve poison since it inactivates acetylcholinesterase that plays an important role in the transmission of nerve impulses.

# *Types of Irreversible Inhibitors*

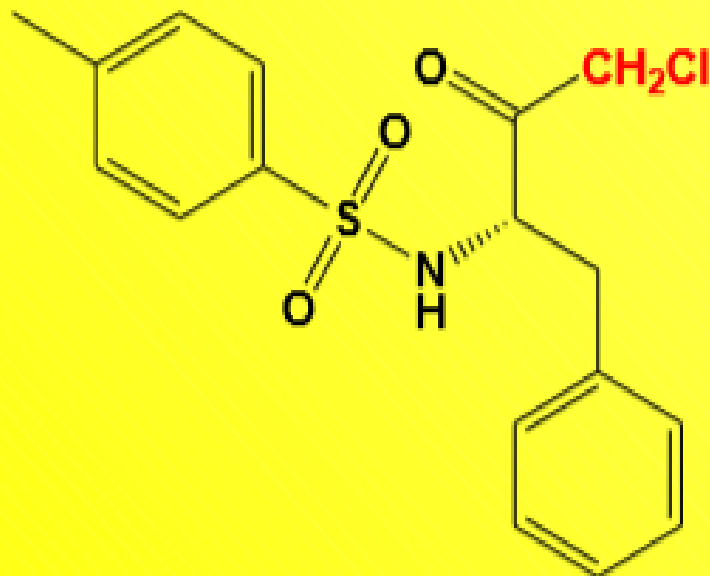


# Affinity labels

An affinity label is a chemically reactive compound that is designed to resemble the substrate of an enzyme so that it binds at the active site and forms a stable covalent bond with a susceptible group of the nearby residue in the enzyme protein.

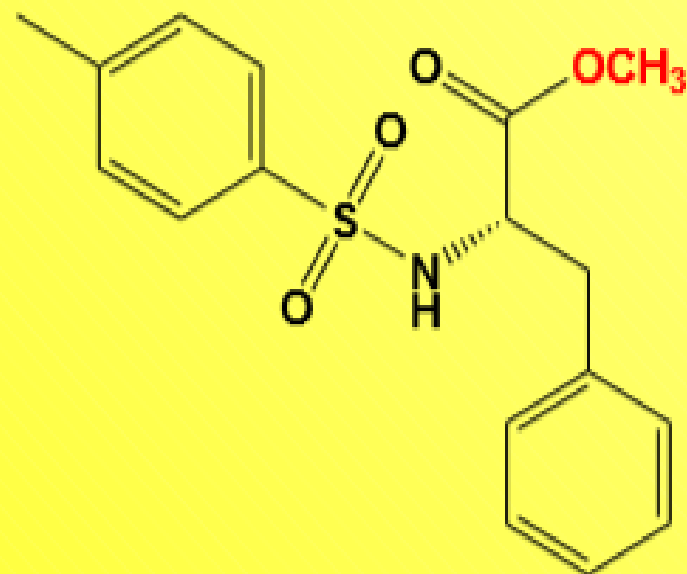
Affinity labels are very useful for identifying catalytically important residues

TPCK acts as an affinity label for Chymotrypsin; even at very low conc<sup>n</sup> TPCK quantitatively inactivates chymotrypsin; TPCK is identical in structure to a substrate of this enzyme i.e. tosyl-L-phenylalanyl methyl ester, except that the carboxylic ester is replaced by the chloromethyl group.



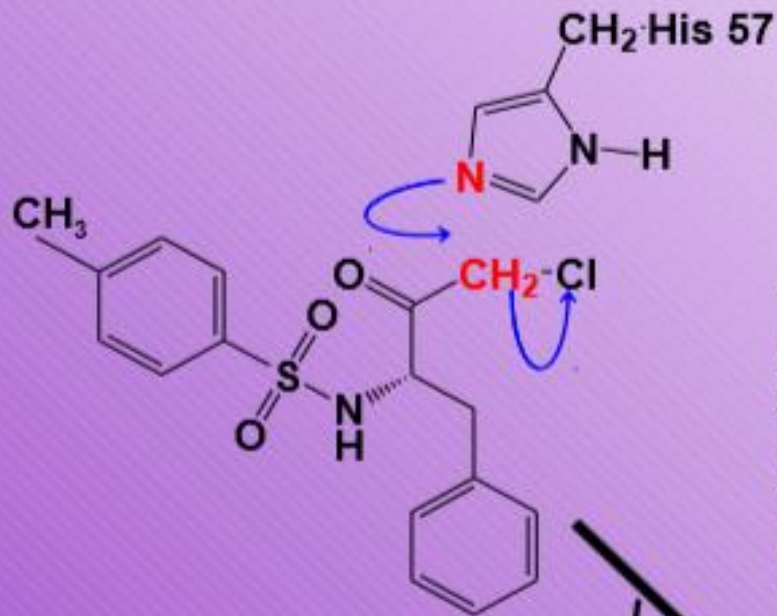
**TPCK**

**(Affinity label)**



**tosyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester**

**(Substrate)**

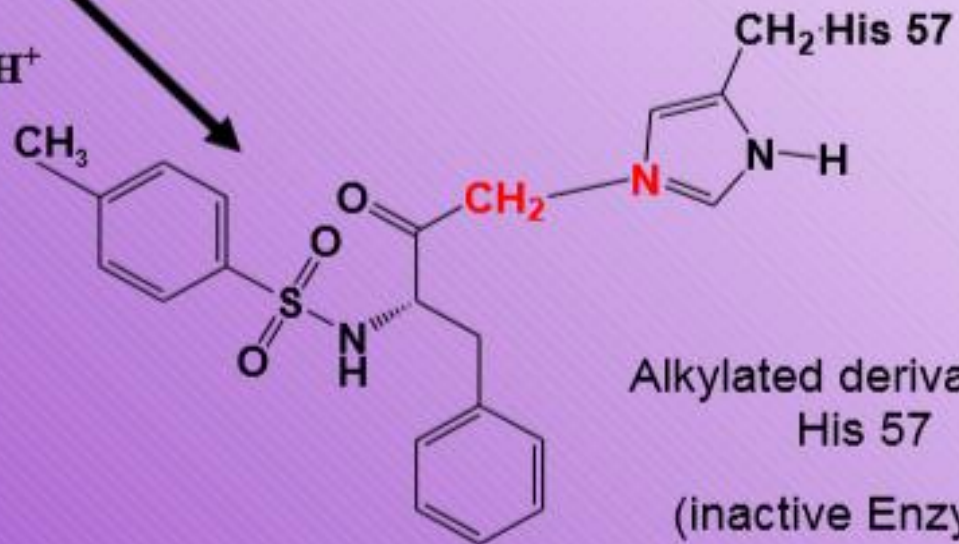


TPCK is attacked in a nucleophilic reaction by the N atom of the imidazole side chain of His57. the binding of TPCK to the Enz Brings the reactive -Cl group in close proximity to the His57 residue and facilitates the formation of a covalent bond between the I & imidazole side chain



phenylpropionate

Excess conc<sup>n</sup> of this prevent the inactivation by TPCK



(inactive Enzyme)

# Suicide Inhibitors

A suicide inhibitor is a relatively inert molecule that is transformed by enzyme at its active site into a reactive compound that irreversibly inactivates the enzyme

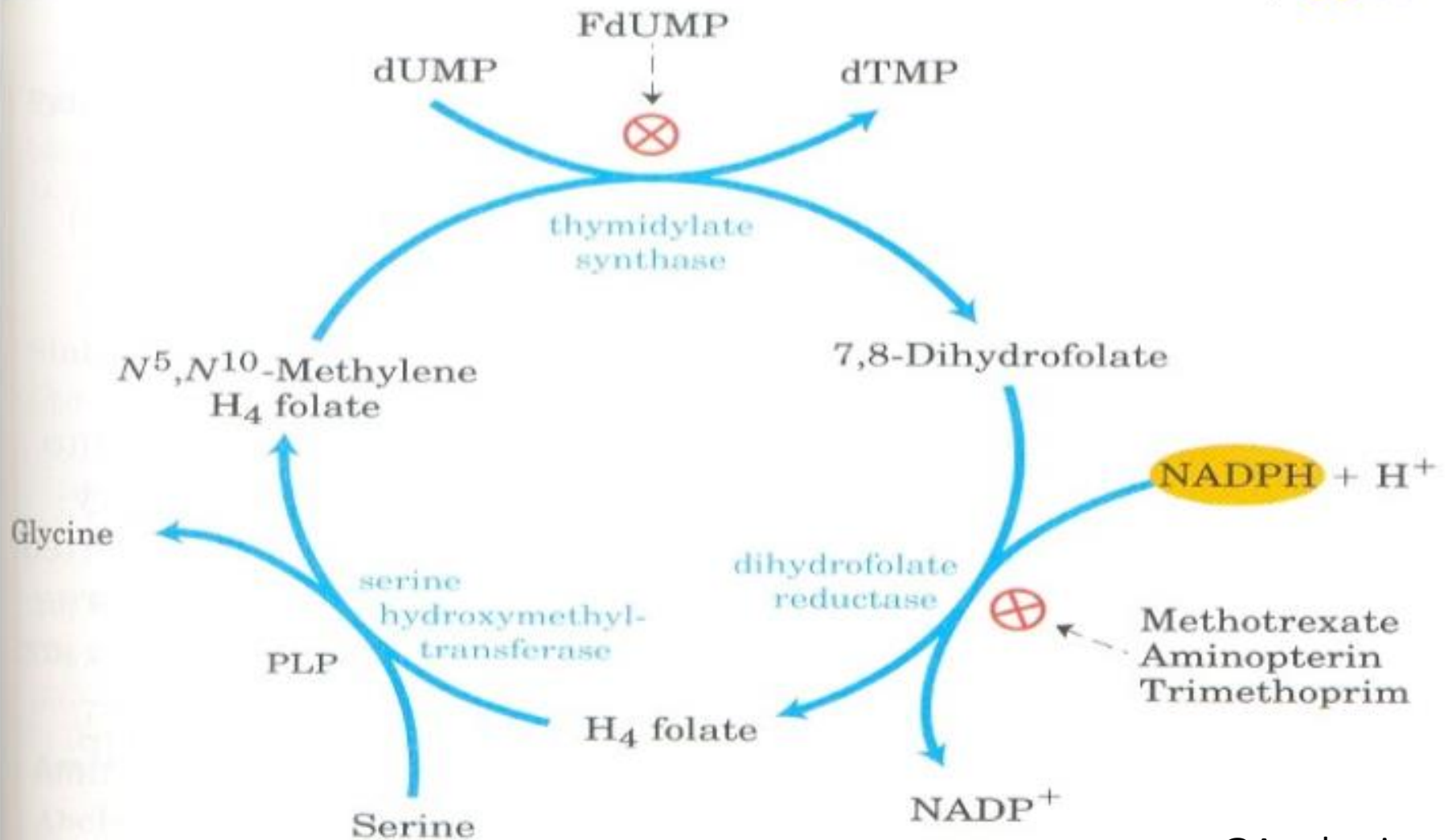
They are substrate analogs designed so that via normal catalytic action of the enzyme, a very reactive group is generated.

The latter forms a covalent bond with a nearby functional group within the active site of the enzyme causing irreversible inhibition.

Such inhibitors are called suicide inhibitors because the enzyme appears to commit suicide.

e.g. FdUMP is a suicide inhibitor of thymidylate synthase.

During thymidylate synthesis,  $N^5,N^{10}$ -methyleneTHF is converted to 7,8-dihydrofolate; methyleneTHF is regenerated in two steps



# Conversion of dUMP to dTMP and its inhibition by FdUMP



$N^6,N^{10}$ -Methylene  
 $H_4$  folate

