

## **Enzyme Catalysis: regulation and inhibition**

Devlin, section 10.10, 10.11, 10.9

1. Discussion of statins: substrate-analogue inhibitors of HMG-CoA reductase
2. NSAIDs
  - Selectivity of COX inhibitors
3. Concept of cooperativity related to allosteric enzymes
4. Kinetics of enzyme inhibition
  - Mechanisms
  - Changes in  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$
5. Enzyme inhibitors
  - Irreversible
  - Mechanism-based

## Statins: substrate-analogue inhibitors of HMG-CoA reductase

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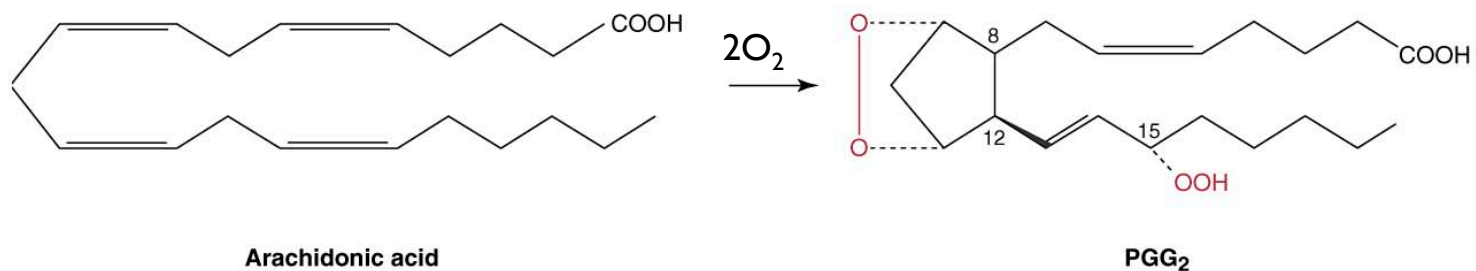
- Why are statins effective at lowering cholesterol?
- Why is it advantageous that statins have nanomolar affinity?
- Explain the observation that statins are competitive with HMG-CoA.
- Is it likely that statins are competitive with NADPH?
- If HMG-CoA reductase was a fully rigid molecule, would Pfizer be marketing Lipitor?



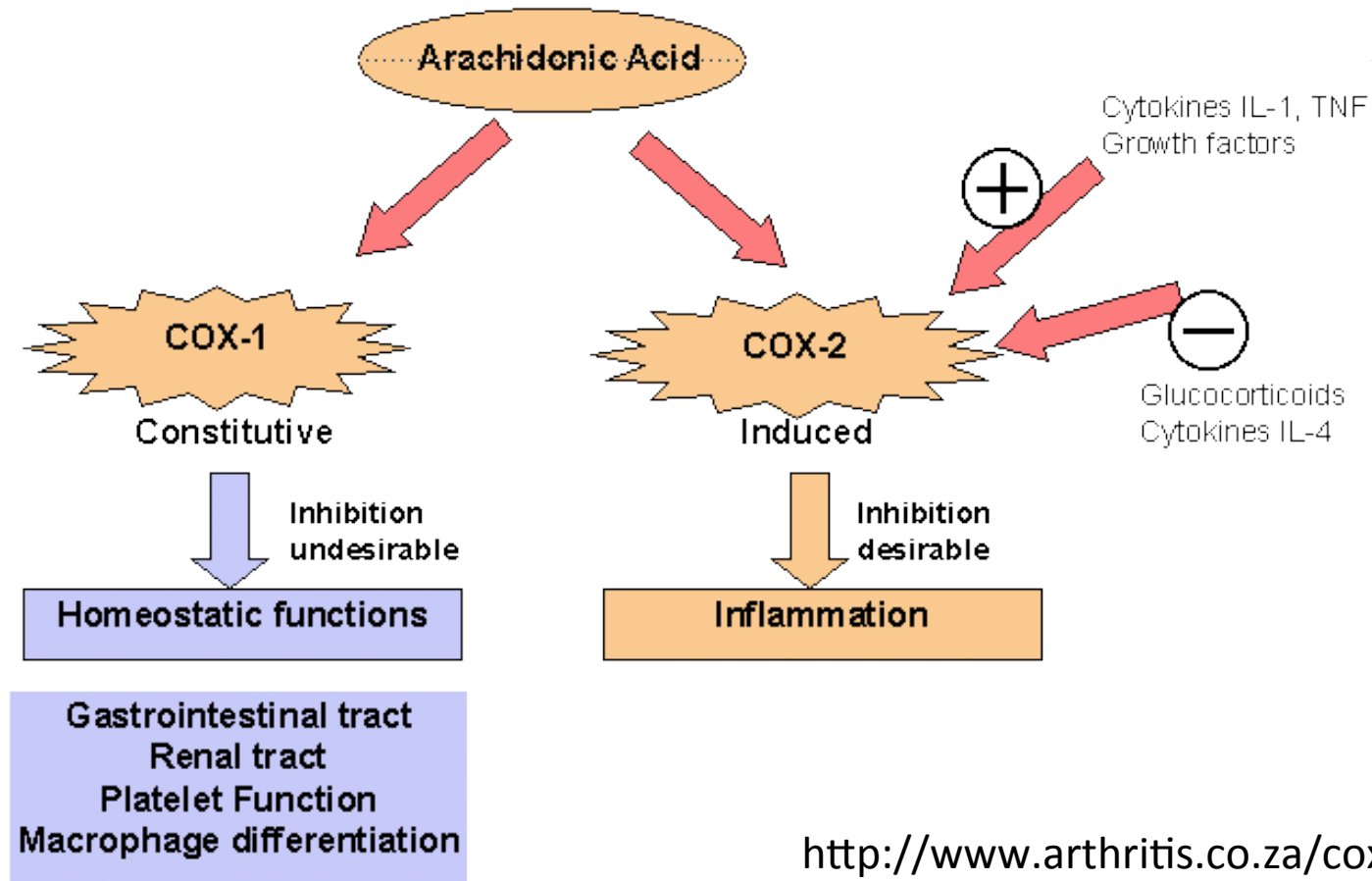
# NSAIDs

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- ▶ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- ▶ Block prostaglandin production.
- ▶ Irreversibly or reversibly inhibit cyclooxygenase (COX).
- ▶ Examples: aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen
- ▶ Commonly inhibits COX-1 and COX-2 nonspecifically
  - ▶ COX-1: constitutive enzyme
  - ▶ COX-2: inducible and produced in response to inflammation
  - ▶ Nonspecific inhibition may result in side effects including gastrointestinal bleeding.



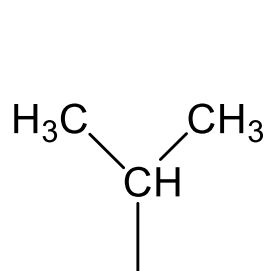
# Comparison of two cyclooxygenases: need for selective inhibition



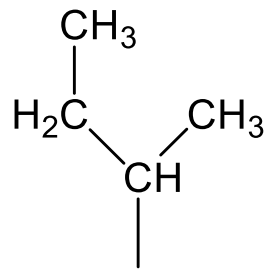
<http://www.arthritis.co.za/cox.html>

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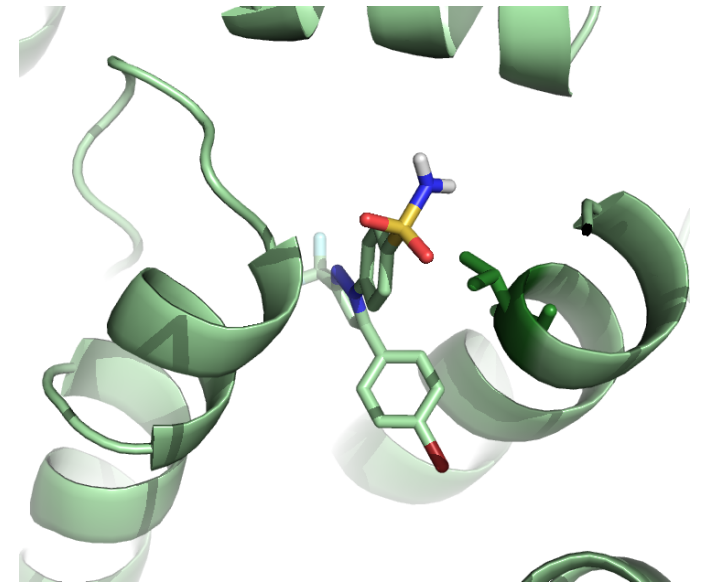


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Isoleucine

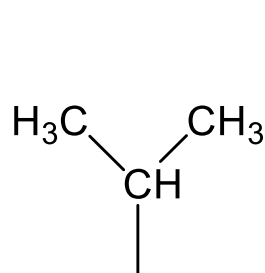
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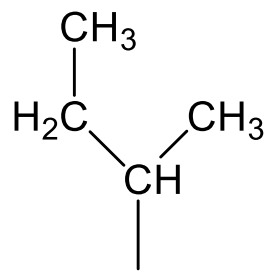
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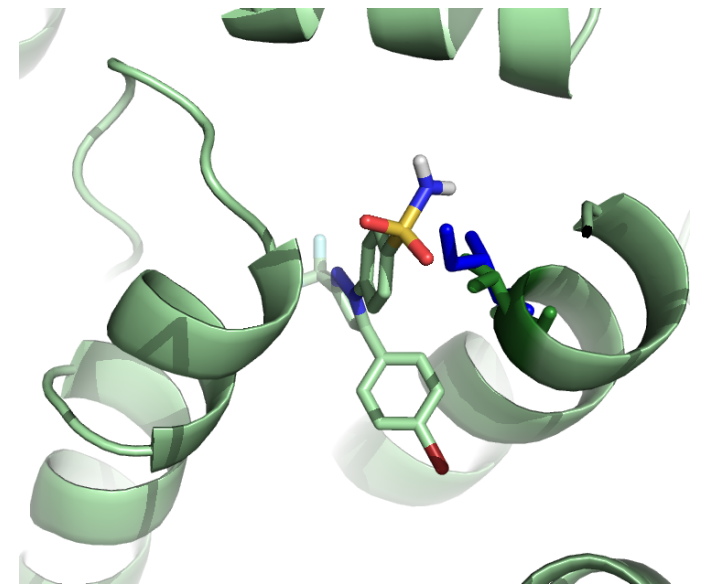


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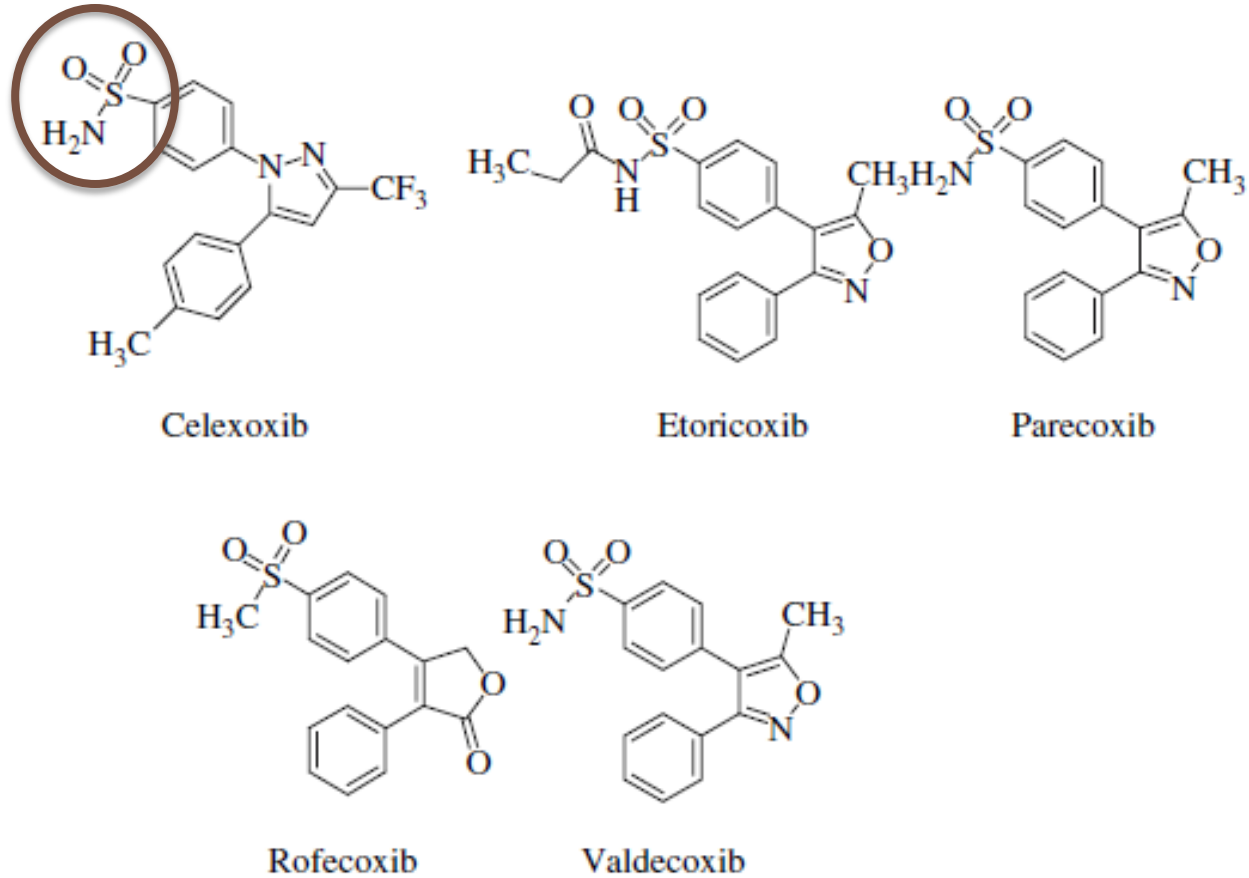
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Flower RJ, Nat Rev Drug Disco, 2:179, 2003

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# COX-2 selective inhibitors

Ratio  
indicates  
selectivity



IC<sub>50</sub> values and COX2/COX-1 ratios of different NSAIDs in guinea pig peritoneal macrophage model.

(Engelhardt et al. Journal Inflammatory Research 1995, Volume 44, Pages 422 - 433.)

NSAIDs	COX-2 IC <sub>50</sub> micromol/litre	COX-1-IC <sub>50</sub> micromol/litre	Ratio COX-2 / COX-1
Meloxicam	0.0019	0.00577	0.33
Diclofenac	0.0019	0.000855	2.2
Piroxicam	0.175	0.00527	33
Tenoxicam	0.322	0.201	15
Indomethacin	0.00636	0.00021	30
Tenidap	47.8	0.393	122



# Summary: examples of drugs as enzyme inhibitors

- The values determined for  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$  in the presence of an inhibitor compound are the apparent values
- The apparent  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$  differ by the amount  $(1+[I]/K_I)$  relative to the actual  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$
- Whether  $K_M$  and/or  $V_{max}$  are affected by an inhibitor molecule depends on the type of inhibition
- Statins inhibit HMG-CoA reductase and are an example of two types of inhibition (competitive for HMG-CoA, but not for NADP)
- Binding of statins requires HMG-CoA reductase to be flexible in order to fit the large aromatic groups of statins into the binding site
- Some NSAIDs are examples of designing selective inhibitors; they preferentially inhibit COX-2 over COX-1.

# Regulation of enzyme activity

Misregulation causes disease: **Gout** Clinical Correlation 10.13:

- Inflammatory disease caused by overproduction of uric acid, a highly insoluble compound.
- Uric acid is end product of purine degradation
- Hyperuricemia can be due to overproduction of purine nucleotides resulting from abnormal enzyme activity at various metabolic steps.
  - One candidate enzyme is PRPP synthetase.
  - The product PRPP (5-phospho-ribosyl pyrophosphate) is an intermediate in purine biosynthesis;
  - excessive PRPP synthetase activity leads to uric acid overproduction
- Patient study of gout:
  - Increased PRPP levels in red blood cells
  - But, PRPP synthetase had normal  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$  and normal cellular levels

*So WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?*

# Regulation of enzyme activity

- Substrate cooperativity in enzyme catalysis
- Activators and inhibitors
  - Allosteric effectors
  - Feedback inhibition by the final product of a pathway
- Cellular enzyme concentration
  - Regulation at the gene expression level
- Covalent modification
  - Phosphorylation
  - Proteolysis
- Localization in the cell
  - Spatial separation between enzyme and substrate

# Regulation of enzyme activity: cooperativity

- Cooperativity: multimeric (i.e. multiple subunits) enzyme in which the activity of one subunit affects the activity of the other subunits; subunits are not independent.
  - Usually  $K_M$  is changed, but for some enzymes  $k_{cat}$  changes, or both change
  - Positive cooperativity is common; negative cooperativity does occur
  - Apparent in velocity curves and in Lineweaver-Burk double reciprocal plots

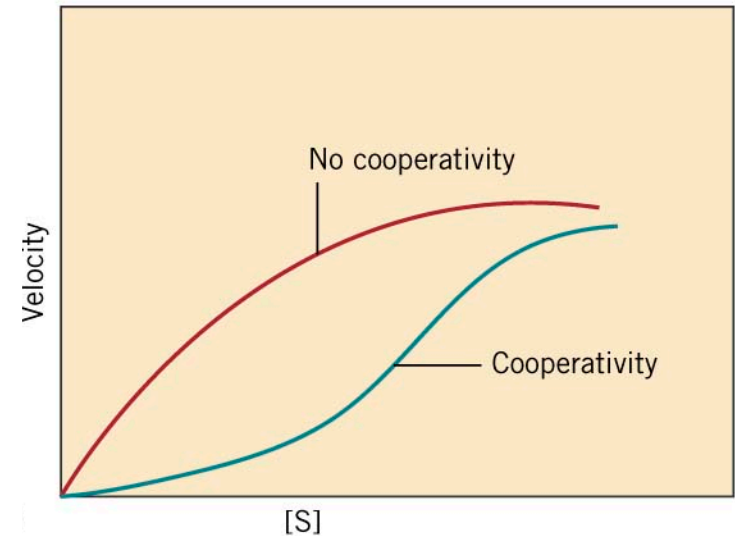
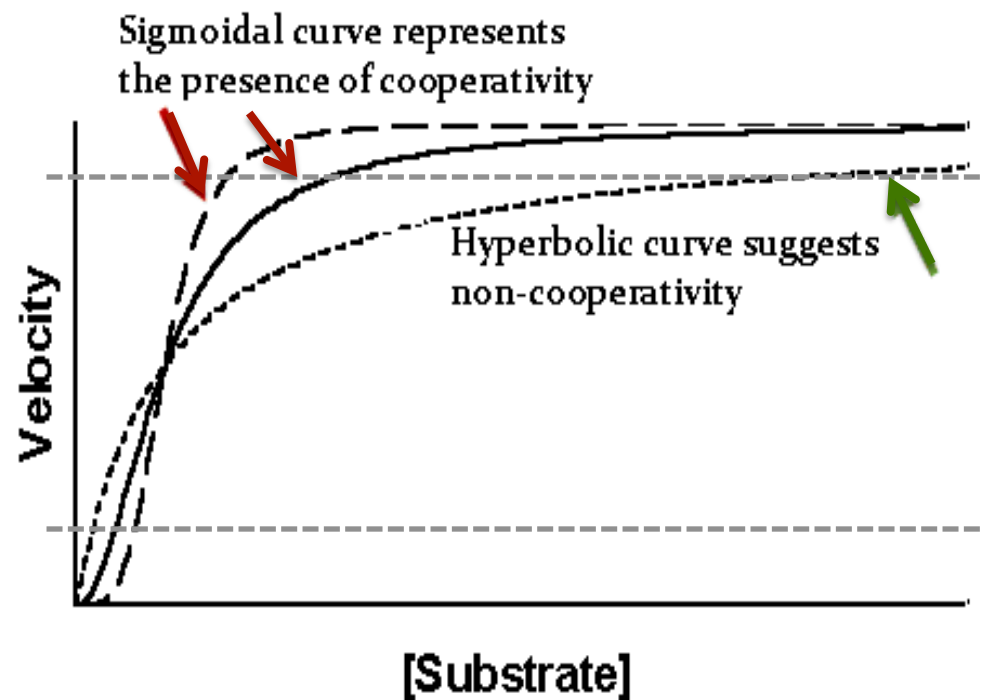


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# Regulation of enzyme activity: cooperativity

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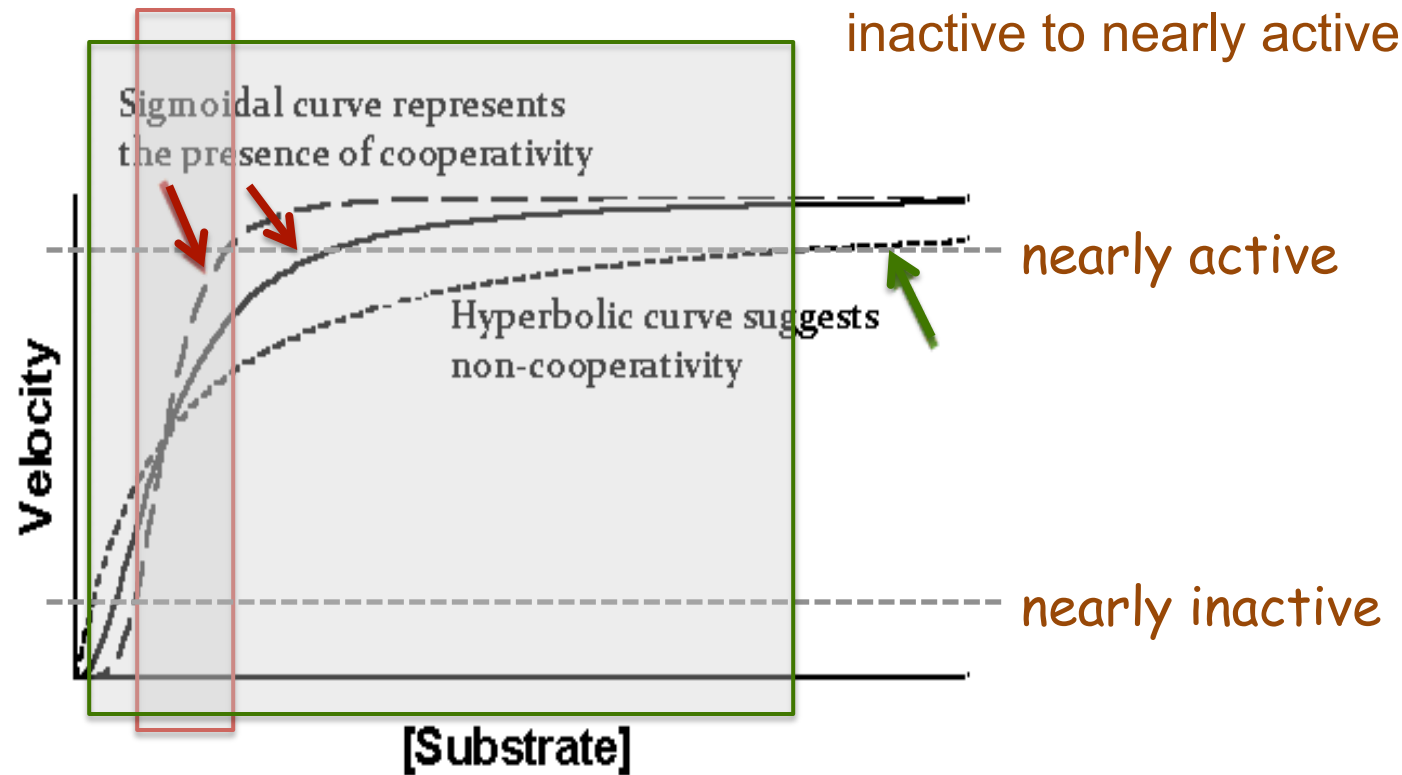


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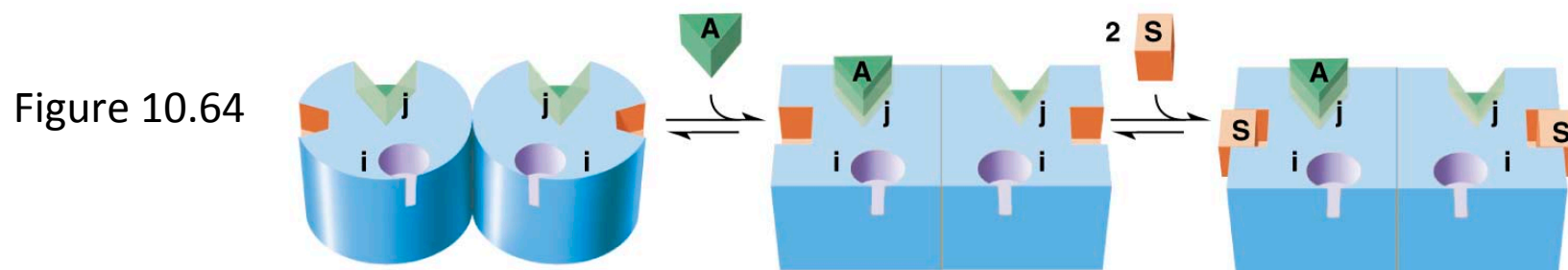
Consider the range of substrate concentrations needed to vary from nearly inactive to nearly active.



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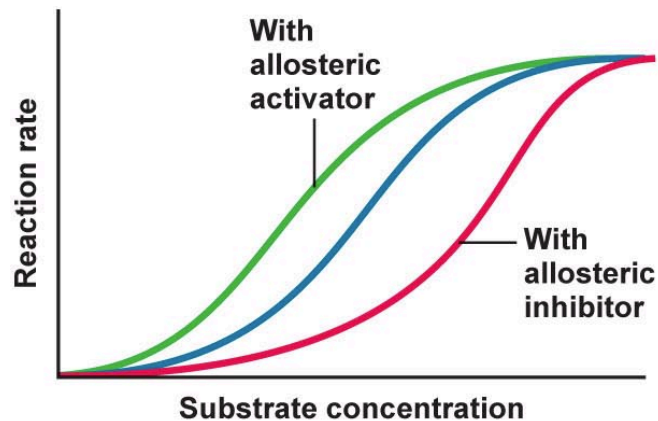
# Regulation of enzyme activity: allosteric activation and inhibition

- Effectors are metabolic inhibitors or activators (small molecules) affect activity of allosteric enzymes
  - Alter the affinity of substrates ( $K_M$ ) and/or the reactivity ( $V_{max}$ )
  - Can be either positive (activator) or negative (inhibitor) effect
- Bind noncovalently to a site distinct from the active site
  - not modified chemically during reaction
- Most often multiple subunits, either identical or nonidentical
  - Effector binding leads to a conformational change that propagates to other subunits via contacts at the subunit interface
  - Heterotropic: ligand in effector site not the same as the substrate ligand
  - Homotropic: same ligand as substrate (not common)

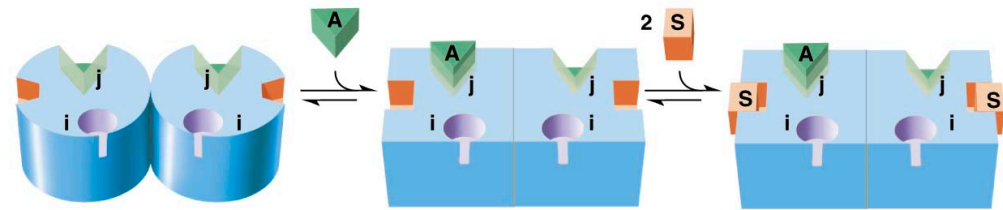


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# Regulation of enzyme activity: allosteric activation and inhibition



Green: positive effector binding changes both subunits to a higher affinity form



Purple: negative effector (not shown) binding changes both subunits to a low affinity form → inhibits activity

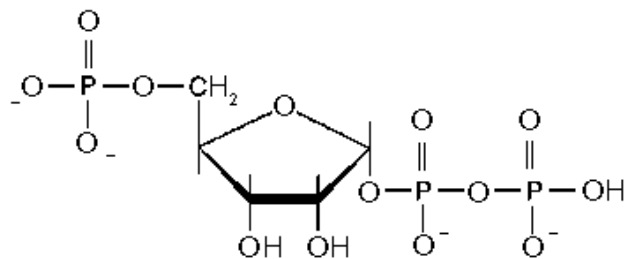
Figure 10.64



# Regulation of enzyme activity

Clinical Correlation 10.13, Gout:

- So what about PRPP synthetase?
  - Increased PRPP levels in red blood cells of patients
  - PRPP synthetase had normal  $K_M$  and  $V_{max}$  and normal cellular levels



**PRPP**

PRPP is a metabolite precursor in purine nucleotide biosynthesis.

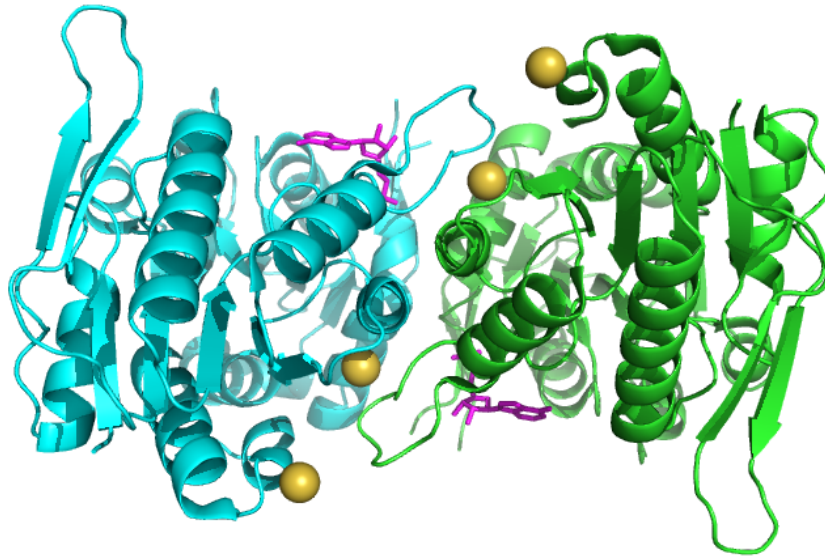
PRPP synthetase:

- catalyzes synthesis from ribose 5-phosphate and ATP
- regulated by phosphate ion (activator) and ADP (inhibitor)
  - absolute requirement for  $P_i$
  - ...but sensitivity to  $P_i$  is normal in these patients

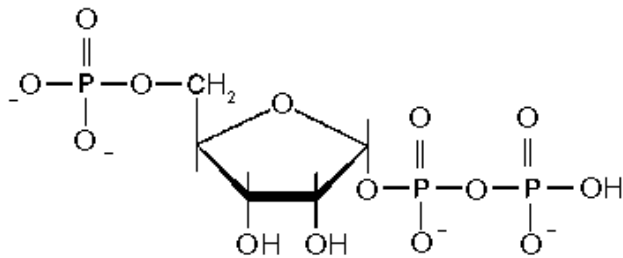
Regulated by effectors

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**Allosteric sites**



**PRPP**

PRPP is also inhibited by ADP; the increase in PRPP arose b/c ADP did not inhibit the synthase ... thus, a remaining possibility is that a mutation in this allosteric site led to failure of feedback control.

# *Summary of Enzyme Regulation and Inhibition*

- Multimeric enzymes are often allosteric and show cooperative behavior in an initial velocity vs [S] curve. The sigmoidal behavior enables a strong dependence on small changes in [S].
- Allosteric enzymes are often regulated by effector molecules that are either activators or inhibitors. Effectors often bind at the oligomeric interfaces to change the allosteric response.