Regulation of Enzyme Activity

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Regulation of Enzyme Activity at Protein Level.

- 1. Covalent modification.
- 2. Noncovalent (allosteric) regulation
- 3. Protein degradation (will not be considered).

A single trigger rapidly switches a whole pathway on or off

Examples of reversible covalent modifications

- **Phosphorylation dephosphorylation**
- **Adenylation deadenylation.**
- **Uridinylation -deuridinylation.**
- **Thiol disulfide exchange.**
- **Methylation demethylation.**
- **Acetylation -deacetylation.**

Enzymes regulated by reduction (in plants)

Activation by disulfide reduction

- Fructose-1,2-bisphosphatase
- NADP-Malate dehydrogenase
- Thylakoid ATP-synthase

Inhibition by disulfide reduction

• Phosphofructokinase

C

^C +

ACTIVE PROTEIN KINASE SUBUNIT

cAMP

 INACTIVE PROTEIN KINASE

Note: $\overline{K_R}$ is the microscopic dissociation constant.

By reasons of symmetry, and because of the binding of Of any one ligand is assumed to be intrinsically Independent of the binding of any other, the K_R values Are the same for all homologous sites.

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Y = \frac{2 \alpha [R_o] + 2 \alpha^2 [R_o]}{2 ([T_o] + [R_o] + 2 \alpha [R_o] + \alpha^2 [R_o])}
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\nDividing Nr and Dr by 2 [R_o], we get
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Y = \frac{\alpha (1 + \alpha)}{([T_o] / [R_o]) + 1 + 2 \alpha + \alpha^2}
$$

\nSince, L = [To] / [Ro] and $(1 + 2 \alpha + \alpha^2)$ is $(1 + \alpha)^2$
\nThe above equation simplifies to
$$
Y = \frac{\alpha (1 + \alpha)}{L + (1 + \alpha)^2}
$$

\nY is related to velocity of an enzyme reaction.
\nSince v is dependent on the fractional sites occupied
\nby the substrate, v = Y V_{max} or Y = v/V_{max}

 $Y =$ α $(1 + \alpha)^{n-1}$ $L + (1 + \alpha)^n$ Value of L Let us assume $L = 10^4$, For every one of R_0 , there will be 10⁴ of T_0 The addition of S causes removal of R_0 from equilibrium So more and more T_0 gets converted to R_0 for S binding. Since T--> R causes concerted changes in the structure of both subunits, the proportion of enzyme in R form increases progressively as more and more S are added. Thus binding of S is said to be Cooperative. $T_o \longrightarrow R_o$ $L = T_o / R_o$ If an activator is present, say L is reduced to $10³$ (this means for every 10^3 T_o there is one R_o), we need less S to shift the equilibrium to R state. Therefore, sigmoidity decreases if L is small. In the same way, if an inhibitor is present, say $L = 10⁵$, sigmoidity increases.

So far, we dealt with a special case where S binds to only R. If S also binds to T, but less effectively than it does to R, The equation for allosteric interaction becomes:

 $Y = \frac{\alpha (1 + \alpha)^{n-1} + LC \alpha (1 + C\alpha)^{n-1}}{(1 + \alpha)^n + L (1 + C\alpha)^n}$ Where $C = K_T / K_R$

 K_T is the intrinsic binding constant for S to bind to T

 K_R is the intrinsic binding constant for S to bind to R

Lower the value of C (that is binding occurs only to R state As we originally considered) higher will be the sigmoidity. Higher the value of C, lower will be the sigmoidity.

For T state:
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T_0 + S
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 \longrightarrow T_1 $K_T = 2 [T_0] [S]/[T_1]$
\n[T₁] = 2 [T₀] [S]/ K_T
\nLet us assume c = K_R/K_T
\nTherefore, K_T = K_R/c, the above equation becomes,
\n[T₁] = 2 [T₀] c [S]/ K_R
\nSince, $\alpha = [S]/ K_R$
\nWe can reduce this further to [T₁] = 2 [T₀] c α
\nOn the same reasoning, [T₂] = 1/2 {[T₁] [S]/ K_T}
\n[T₂] = $\frac{2 [T_0] c \alpha [S]}{2 K_T} = \frac{[T_0] c \alpha [S] c}{K_R} = [T_0] (c \alpha)^2$

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Y = \frac{\alpha (1 + \alpha)^{n-1} + L \operatorname{c\alpha} (1 + \operatorname{c\alpha})^{n-1}}{(1 + \alpha)^n + L (1 + \operatorname{c\alpha})^n}
$$

If L is approaching 0 (that is the equilibrium is largely in favor of R state), we can omit the terms containing L as they will be very small and the equation reduces to Michaelis Menten equation again.

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Y = \frac{\alpha (1 + \alpha)^{n-1}}{(1 + \alpha)^n} = \alpha/(1 + \alpha)
$$

Thus larger the value of L, large will be sigmoidity Lower the value of L, lower will be the sigmoidity.

If K_{BB}/K_{AB} is $>> K_{AB}/K_{AA}$, binding of S is increased to the second in comparison to the first Hence it is positive cooperativity. (There is net stabilization, $K_{AB} = 1$ and $K_{BB} > 1$)

If K_{BB}/K_{AB} is << K_{AB}/K_{AA} , binding of S is decreased to the second in comparison to the first Hence it is negative cooperativity. (BB shows repulsion $K_{BB} < K_{AB} = 1$)

If K_{BB}/K_{AB} is = K_{AB}/K_{AA} , binding of S is same to the second as that of the first Hence no cooperativity. $K_{AB} = K_{BB} = 1$) Michaelis Menten type kinetics

In the Symmetry model only positive homotropic interaction is allowed. [S binding always helps another S binding] Heterotropic interactions could be positive or negative. [S and I binding is negative heterotropic interaction and S and A binding is positive heterotropic interaction].

In the Sequential model, both homotropic and heterotropic interactions could be positive or negative. [That is even S binding to one subunit could inhibit The S binding to the next subunit (negative homotropic interaction is possible here).

Difference between two models

Concerted model (MWC model)

Ligands stabilizes them
Symmetry should be conserved Only two states are allowed. All transitions occur simultaneously Predicts M. M. kinetics if the subunits are in the active form Simple. Restricted application Same states could stabilized by different ligands (A & S \rightarrow R) Homotropic interaction are only positive

Sequential model (KNF model)

Based on Pre-existing equilibrium Based on induced fit theory. Ligand induces conformational changes No symmetry. Mixed states allowed Many states are possible. Different ligands stabilize differently M. M. kinetics only when there is no change in subunit interaction Complex. General application. Different states are stabilized by different ligands slightly. Homotropic interactions could be both positive and negative.

