

HOLOENZYME

- ✓ A completely active enzyme with all its quality to fit with a substrate & to accelerate a reaction rate is known as “Holoenzyme”
- ✓ They contain a protein and non-protein part. Both parts must be present before the enzyme can function.
- ✓ The protein part is called the “apoenzyme” and the non-protein (organic part) is called “coenzyme”.

HOLOENZYME = APOENZYME + COENZYME

- Some enzymes require molecules other than proteins for enzymatic activity.
- The term **holoenzyme** refers to the **active** enzyme with its **nonprotein** component.
- The term **apoenzyme** is **inactive** enzyme without its **nonprotein** part.
- If the **nonprotein part** is a **metal ion** such as Zn^{2+} or Fe^{2+} , it is called a **cofactor**.
- If it is a **small organic molecule**, it is termed a **coenzyme**.

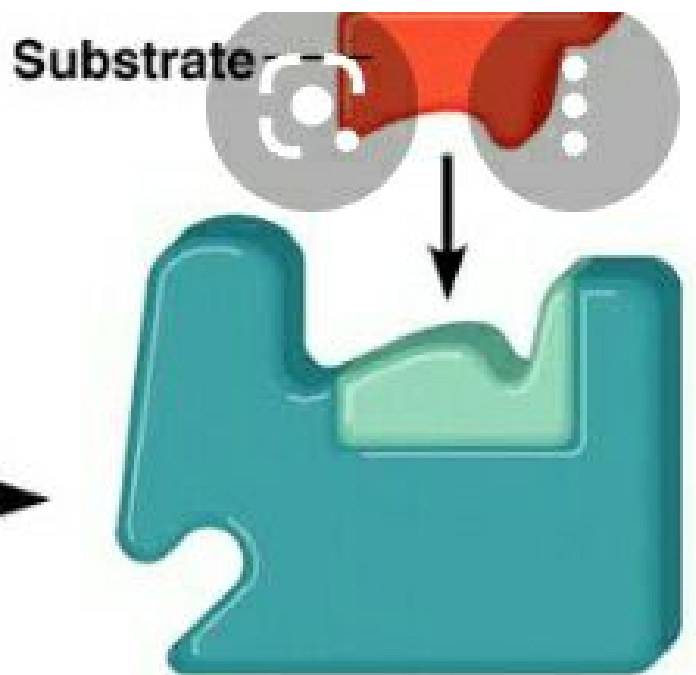


Apoenzyme
(protein portion),
inactive

+



Cofactor
(nonprotein portion),
activator



Holoenzyme
(whole enzyme),
active

Apoenzyme Definition

What is apoenzyme? **Apoenzyme** is the protein part of an enzyme.

The non-protein part cofactor together with the protein part apoenzyme forms a ***holoenzyme***.

Apoenzymes are important for enzymatic activity since they are responsible for the specificity of enzymes to their **substrates**.

Apoenzymes alone are not active enzymes; they must bind to an organic or inorganic cofactor in order to be activated.

Apoenzyme in DNA polymerase

Apoenzymes are essential for a holoenzyme to function properly. One of the most important holoenzymes is DNA polymerase which is composed of a cofactor and an apoenzyme. DNA polymerase catalyzes DNA formation through the polymerization of deoxyribonucleotides. It

Apoenzyme in RNA polymerase

RNA polymerase is another holoenzyme composed of a cofactor and apoenzyme. RNA polymerase uses DNA templates to construct RNA chains in a process known as transcription.

Importance of Apoenzymes

Synthetic cofactors and apoenzymes are being developed in order to produce new holoenzymes with improved activity or new functions.

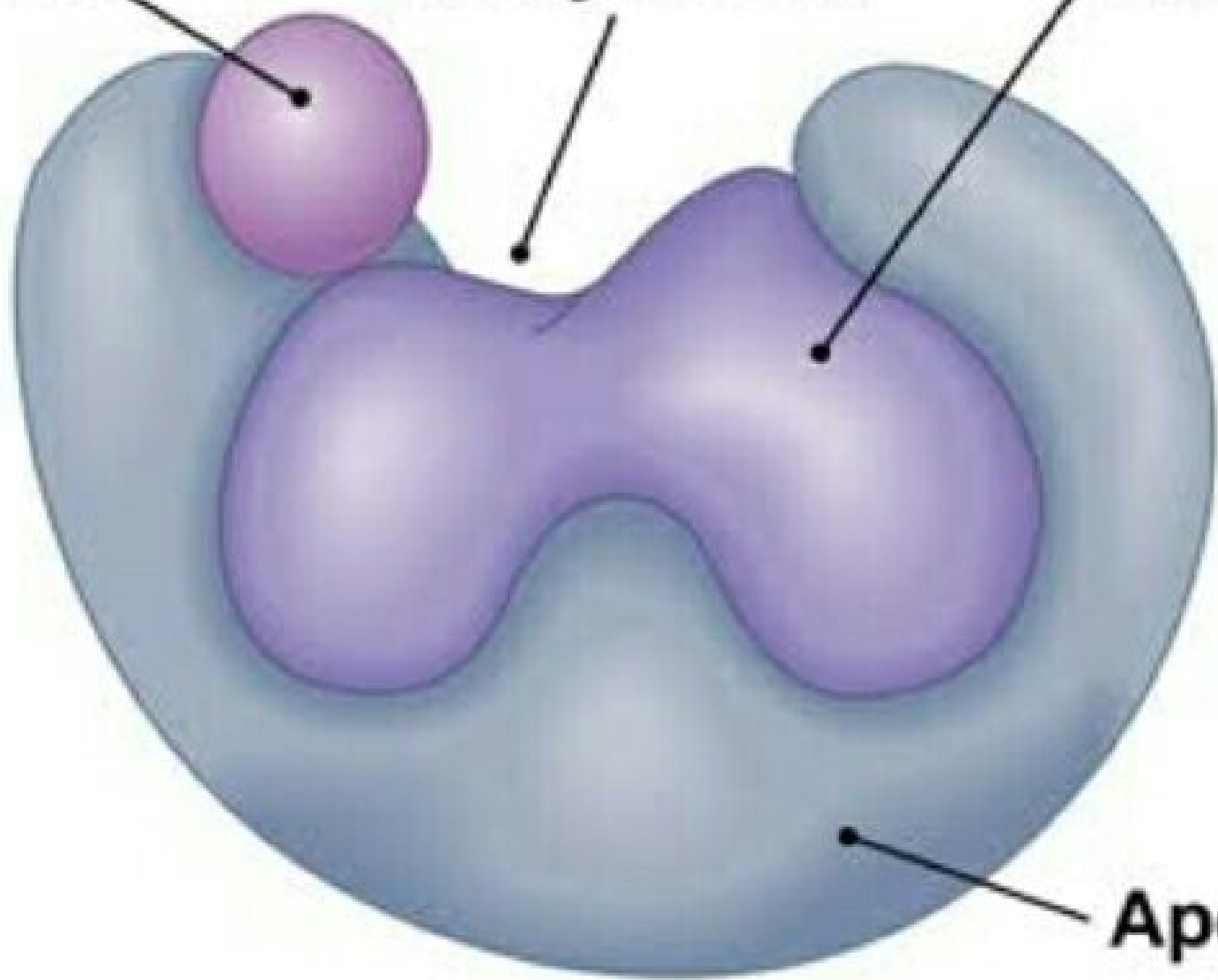
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Apoenzymes bind to coenzymes forming a holoenzyme to catalyze the formation of an active vitamin from the inactive form.

Cofactor

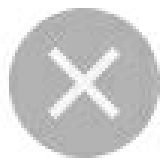
Catalytic site

Coenzyme



Apoenzyme

Holoenzyme

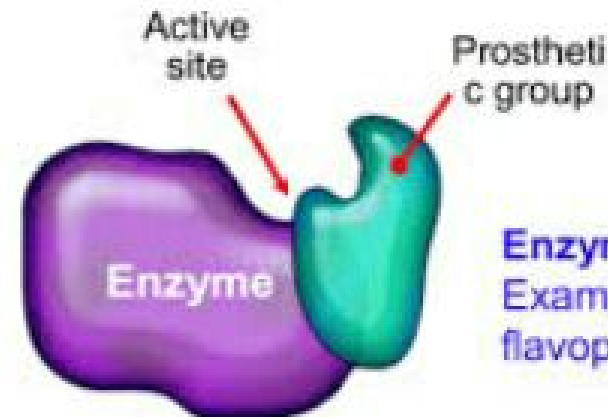


Enzyme Cofactors

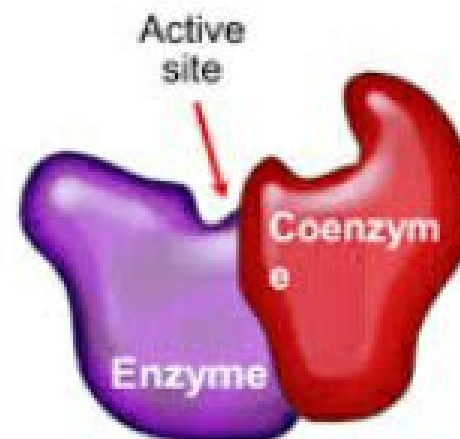
- Some enzymes require **cofactors** to be active.
- Cofactors are a **nonprotein** component of an enzyme. Cofactors can be:
 - organic molecules** (coenzymes).
 - inorganic ions** (e.g. Ca^{2+} , Zn^{2+}).
- Cofactors may be:
 - Permanently attached**, in which case they are called **prosthetic groups**.
 - Temporarily attached coenzymes**, which detach after a reaction, and may participate with another enzyme in other reactions.



Enzyme is protein only
Example: lysozyme



Enzyme + prosthetic group
Example:
flavoprotein + FAD



Enzyme + coenzyme
Example:
dehydrogenases + NAD

Coenzyme: A substance that enhances the action of an enzyme. (An enzyme is a protein that functions as a catalyst to mediate and speed a chemical reaction).

Coenzymes are small molecules. They cannot by themselves catalyze a reaction but they can help enzymes to do so. In technical terms, coenzymes are organic nonprotein molecules that bind with the protein molecule (apoenzyme) to form the active enzyme (holoenzyme).

Benefits of Vitamin D

Vitamin D can boost your immune system, support muscle function, keep your heart healthy, and aid in brain development. Vitamin D may also reduce your risk of multiple sclerosis and depression.

Foods High in Vitamin D

- Fatty fish such as salmon or mackerel
- Beef liver
- Egg yolks
- Milk
- Orange juice fortified with vitamin D
- Fortified cereals
- Infant formulas

Holoenzyme refers to the apoenzyme along with the cofactor which is complete and catalytically-active

Inactive form of the enzyme

Consists of the protein part of the enzyme

Incomplete enzymes that are less complex

Ex: catalytic components of DNA polymerase enzyme are considered as apoenzymes

Apoenzyme refers to the inactive form of the enzyme which activates upon the binding of a cofactor

Catalytically-active form of the enzyme

Consists of the apoenzyme and one or several cofactors

Complete and complex enzymes

Ex: multi-subunit complex of DNA polymerase is considered as the holoenzyme

COENZYME VERSUS COFACTOR

Coenzyme is a small, organic, non-protein molecules that carry chemical groups between enzymes

Is a type of cofactor

Molecules

Organic molecules

Loosely bound to enzymes

Assist biological transformations

Serve as carriers to the enzymes

Can be removed from the enzyme easily

Examples include vitamins, biotin, coenzyme A

Cofactor is a non-protein chemical compound that tightly and loosely binds with an enzyme or other protein molecules

Coenzymes and prosthetic groups are the two types of cofactors

Chemical compound

Inorganic compounds

Some are covalently bound to an enzyme

Aid the function of the relative enzyme

Increase the rate of the reaction that is catalyzed by the enzyme

Can only be removed by denaturing the enzyme

Examples include metal ions like Zn^{2+} , K^+ and Mg^{2+}

ENZ YME VERSUS COENZ YME

ENZ YME

A substance produced by living organisms to act as a biological catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

Large molecules

Mainly globular proteins

Serve as biological catalysts

Do not change their structure during the reaction

Very specific to the reactions they catalyze

COENZ YME

A non-protein compound necessary for the functioning of an enzyme

Small molecules

Organic molecules

Bind to the active site of the enzyme, activating it

Change their structure during the reaction by binding to functional groups released from the reaction

Less specific