Enzyme kinetics and inhibition

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Enzyme Kinetic

- Enzyme kinetic is the quantative study of Enzyme catalysis.
- Kinetic studies measures rates and affinity of enzyme for substrate and inhibitors.
- Kinetics also provide insight into reaction mechanism.
- The general principles of chemical reaction apply to enzyme catalyzed reaction as well



- For many enzymes the rate of catalysis Vo, which is defined as the number of moles of product formed per second, varies with the substrate concentration[S]
- Different theories, Models and plots have been proposed by various scientist to study the kinetics of enzyme

Models to Study Enzymes Kinetics



Study of Kinetics

- To study Kinetics we will analyzing two major plots:
- Michaelis-Menten and Lineweaver-Burk
- Michaelis-Menten plot.
- In order to generate a Michaelis-Menten plot, experimenters use two very specific conditions:
- Enzyme concentration is held constant
- Substrate concentration is increased

$$v = rac{V_{ ext{max}}\left[S
ight]}{K_M + \left[S
ight]}$$

v = velocity of reaction

 $V_{\rm max}$ = maximum rate achieved by the system

- [S] =concentration of a substrate S
- K_M = Michaelis constant

Michaelis Menten Equation

Important Terms

- The two important values that is needed to keep in mind are V max and Km, as substrate concentration increases along the x-axis,
- We define **V** max as the maximum speed at which the reaction can proceed given the current concentration of enzyme and the speed with which the enzymes work.

Michaelis Menten Plot

- It shows that the maximal velocity (Vmax) is approached asymptotically
- (Km) is the substrate concentration yielding a velocity of Vmax/2



Substrate concentration [S]

- Finally, let's look at Km on the Michaelis-Menten plot, which is defined as the substrate concentration at ½ Vmax.
- We can think of Km as the binding affinity of the substrate for the enzyme. Naturally, if the substrate can bind the enzyme with a higher affinity, it is more likely to be "captured" by the enzyme and converted into product.
 A small Km indicates a high substrate affinity, and a large Km indicates a low substrate affinity.
- Catalytic efficiency describes how effective an enzyme is at converting substrate to product, and it is defined as:
- Catalytic efficiency = kcat/Km
- k cat describes the speed of an individual enzyme, so the higher the speed, the better the efficiency.
- Km describes the affinity of the enzyme to the substrate, so the lower the Km, the better the efficiency.

Significance of Km

- Km is the concentration of substrate at which half the active sites are filled.
- It provides a measure of the substrate concentration required for significant catalysis to occur
- Consider the following equation $E + S \stackrel{k_1}{\Longrightarrow} ES \stackrel{k_2}{\Longrightarrow} E + P$

Km=k-1+k2/k1

- Consider a case in which k1>>>k2,
- under such circumstances, the ES → E+S much more rapidly than product is formed. So,
- Km=k-1/k1
- When this condition is met, Km is a measure of the strength of the ES complex: a high Km indicates weak binding; a low Km indicates strong binding

Significance of Vmax

- The maximal rate, Vmax reveals the turnover number of an enzyme.
- It is the number of substrate molecule in a unit time when the enzyme is fully saturated with substrate.
- The maximal rate, Vmax, reveals the turnover number of an enzyme if the concentration of active site [E]T is known

Vmax=k2[E]T

 The enzyme efficiency can be increased as Kcat has high turnover and a small number of Km

Turn over number

- It is the number of substrate molecules converted into product by an enzyme molecule in a unit time when the enzyme is fully saturated with substrate.
 Represented by Kcat, Unit is S-1.
- At saturating [S]

Kcat=Vmax/Et

Catalytic efficiency

- Kcat/Km ratio called Specificity constant is often thought of a measure of Catalytic efficiency.
- A comparison of specificity constant for the same enzyme with different substrate is widely used as a measure of catalytic efficiency.

Lineweaver-Burk plot

- Lineweaver-Burk plots show the exact same data as Michaelis-Menten plots, but they are simply graphed in a different way by taking the reciprocal of each axis on the Michaelis-Menten plot.
- The x-axis changes from [S] on the Michaelis-Menten plot to 1/[S] on the Lineweaver-Burk plot, and the y-axis changes from V0 on the Michaelis-Menten plot to 1/V0 on the Lineweaver-Burk plot.

Lineweaver Burk Plot



LINEWEAVER-BURK PLOT

Significance of Line weaver Burk Plot

• For determining inhibition

Eadie-Hofstee plot

- The Eadie-Hofstee plot is a more accurate linear plotting method with v is plotted against v/[S].
- A plot of v against v/[S] will hence yield Vmax as the y-intercept, Vmax/Km as the x-intercept, and Km as the negative slope



Hanes-Woolf plot

- The Hanes-Woolf plot is another method that linearizes the Michaelis-Menten equation, plotting [S] (x-axis) against [S]/v (y-axis).
- The Hanes-Woolf plot is thought to be more accurate than
 Lineweaver-Burk for the determination of kinetic parameters.



Fig. : Hanes Woalf plot

Enzyme Inhibition

- Certain compounds inhibit enzymes i.e., decrease the rate of their catalysis
- Inhibition can be reversible or irreversible
- Three types of **reversible inhibitors**
 - i. Competitive inhibitors
 - ii. Non-Competitive inhibitors
 - iii. Un-competitive inhibitors
- Irreversible inhibition: suicide inhibitors
- The various types of inhibitors can be distinguished by the kinetics of their inhibition



Competitive inhibition

- In competitive inhibition, an inhibitor binds to the enzyme's active site, which prevents the substrate from binding. As the amount of substrate is increased, however, the effect of the inhibitor decreases, and Vmax can be reached.
- If the inhibitor is potentially blocking the binding site, the substrate will not be able to bind as often. Therefore, the binding affinity will become worse, so Km will increase.
- Finally, the Lineweaver-Burk plot will look like the following in the presence of a competitive inhibitor



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Plot for Competitive inhibitor



Uncompetitive Inhibition

- In uncompetitive inhibition, the inhibitor binds selectively to the enzyme-substrate (ES) complex. Now, even if we add more substrate, the enzyme will not be able to work as fast because the enzyme-substrate complex has been bound by the inhibitor. As a result, Vmax will decrease.
- As inhibitors bind the enzyme-substrate complex, the amount of uninhibited enzyme-substrate complex decreases. This decrease in enzyme-substrate complex causes an increase in the affinity between the substrate and the enzyme as they now need to replenish the lost enzyme-substrate complex (according to Le Chatelier's principle)! So, the increase in affinity means that Km will decrease.
- The Lineweaver-Burk plot will look like the following in the presence of an uncompetitive inhibitor



Uncompetitive Inhibition



Mixed and noncompetitive inhibition



- In mixed inhibition, the inhibitor binds to an allosteric site, or a nonactive site regulatory pocket, on both the free enzyme and the enzymesubstrate complex. Many times, however, this binding is biased towards one or the other. For example, 70% of the inhibitors might bind the enzyme alone and 30% might bind the enzyme-substrate complex. As a result, mixed inhibition can be quite complicated.
- There is a special case, though, in which 50% of the inhibitors bind the enzyme alone and 50% bind the enzyme-substrate complex, and this is known as noncompetitive inhibition. Again, the inhibitor is binding an allosteric site on the enzyme as with all mixed inhibitors.
- Since the enzyme-substrate complex is being bound by the inhibitor, Vmax must decrease as we previously proved for uncompetitive inhibition. Interestingly, since both the enzyme alone and the enzymesubstrate complex are bound with equal affinity by the inhibitor, Km will stay the same.
- The Lineweaver-Burk plot for noncompetitive inhibition will look like the following

Noncompetetive Inhibitor



Table to summarize Enzyme Inhibition

	V _{max}	K _m	Binding site
Competitive	Same	Increases	Active
Uncompetitive	Decreases	Decreases	Allosteric
Mixed	Decreases	Increases or decreases	Allosteric
Noncompetitive	Decreases	Same	Allosteric

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