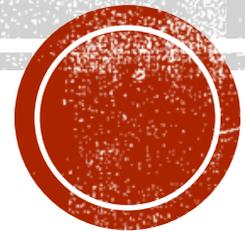


# **Regulation of enzyme action**

**+ Clinical enzymology**



# Case scenario

A 54 years old woman presented with vague complaints of **fatigue**. She also complained of some **loss of appetite** and **vague pain** especially towards **the right side of the abdomen**. Her abdomen examination revealed a **borderline enlargement of the liver**.

**□ Suggest suitable biochemical investigations to help diagnosis.**



# Students Learning Outcomes

*By the end of this lecture, the students should be able to:*

1. Identify causes of changing enzyme amount and activity.
2. Discuss enzyme: induction, repression
3. Explain allosteric regulation, feedback regulation, covalent modification and regulation by cleavage.
4. Identify different types of plasma enzymes and their biomedical importance .



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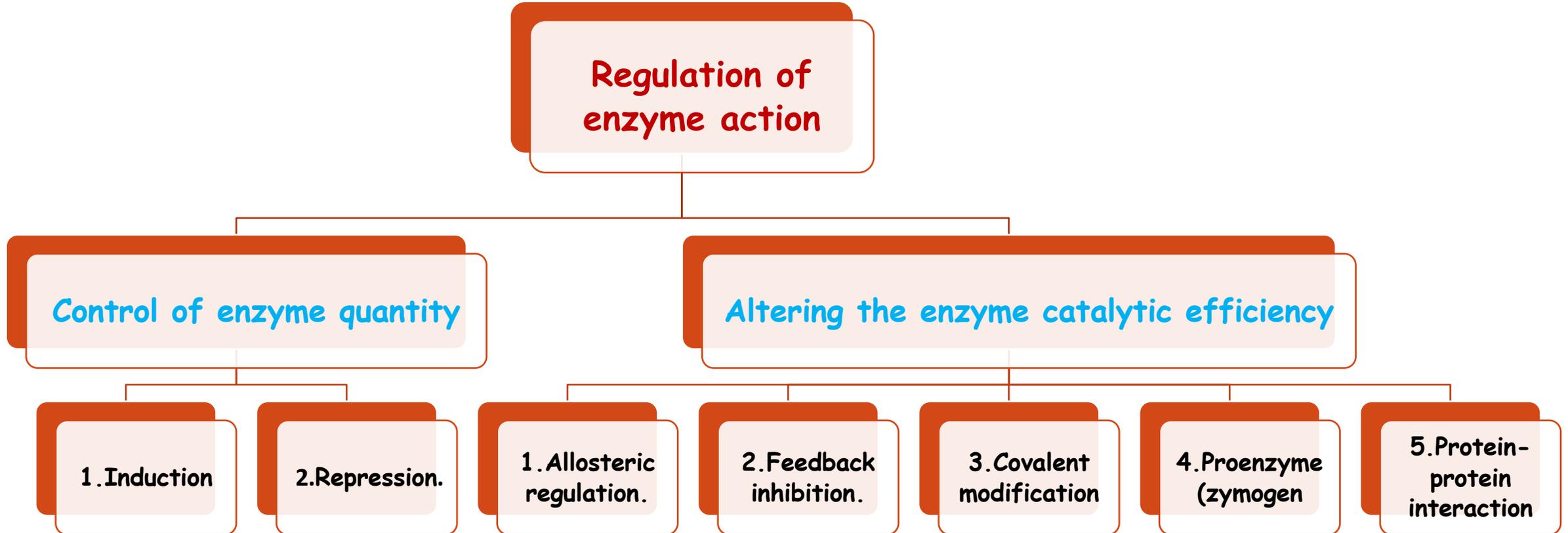
- **Regulation of enzyme action**
  - I. Control of enzyme quantity**
    - 1. Induction
    - 2. Repression
  - II. Altering the enzyme catalytic efficiency**
    - 1. Allosteric regulation
    - 2. Feedback inhibition
    - 3. Covalent modification.
    - 4. Proenzyme (zymogen).
    - 5. Protein-protein interaction.
  
- **(Clinical enzymology) Plasma enzymes**



# 1. Regulation of enzyme action

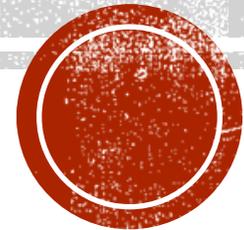


# 1. Regulation of enzyme action



## **Control of enzyme quantity**

- 1. Induction**
- 2. Repression**



# I. Control of enzyme quantity

- ✓ Change in **Enzyme amount** (Increase or decrease the amount)
- ✓ **Long term** regulation (at the level of gene expression)
- ✓ **Slow** (hrs., days)
- ✓ It work by controlling **the rate of Enzyme synthesis by either:** Induction or Repression

## 1- Induction

↑ **rate** of enzyme synthesis by substances called **inducers**

### **Inducers**

substances that increase the rate of enzyme **synthesis** at the level of **gene expression**

## 2- Repression

↓ **rate** of enzyme synthesis by substances called **repressors**

### **Repressors**

- substances that decrease the rate of enzyme **synthesis** at the level of **gene expression**
- are usually **end products** the reaction, so repression is sometimes called **feedback regulation.**

## **Control of enzyme catalytic efficacy**

- 1. Allosteric regulation**
- 2. Feedback inhibition**
- 3. Covalent modification.**
- 4. Proenzyme (zymogen).**
- 5. Protein-protein interaction.**



## II. Control of enzyme catalytic efficacy

- ✓ Change in Enzyme **activity** (by increase or decreasing the activity)
- ✓ **Short** term regulation
- ✓ **Rapid** (secs, mins)
- ✓ It work through :
  1. Allosteric regulation
  2. Feedback inhibition
  3. Covalent modification.
  4. Proenzyme (zymogen).
  5. Protein-protein interaction.



# 1. Allosteric regulation

✓ **Some Enzyme has two sites;**

**1- Active site** for substrate binding → for catalysis

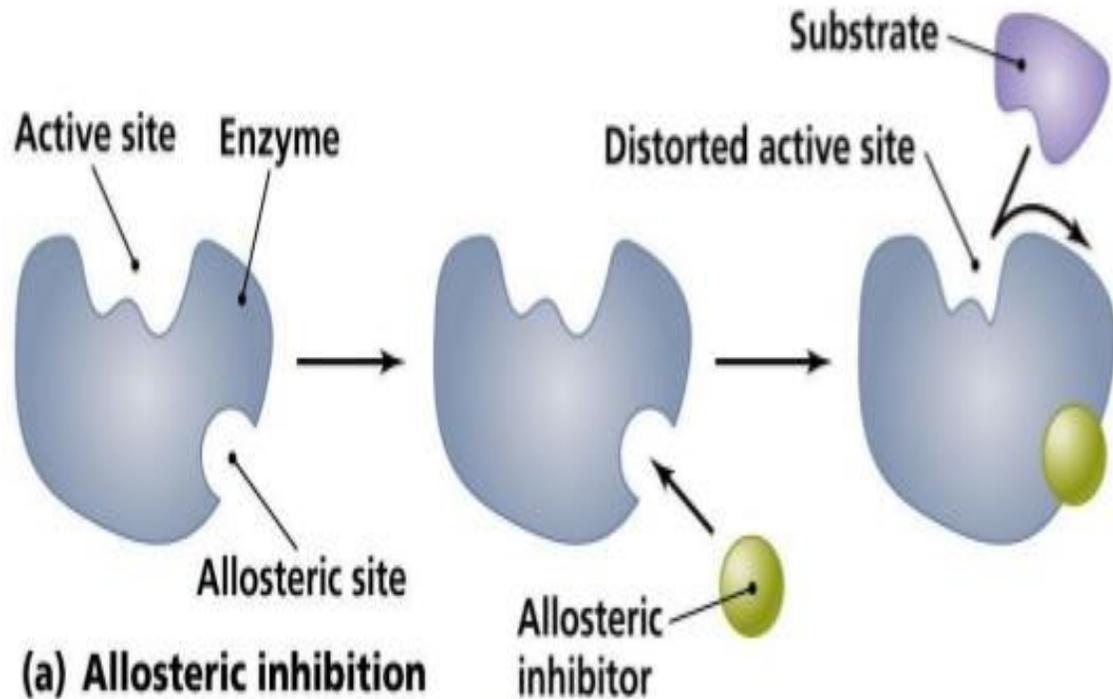
**2- Allosteric site** (another site) for effector (regulator) binding → for regulation of the E activity

✓ **Binding of the allosteric effector to the regulatory site** → **conformational** changes in the catalytic site → becomes either:

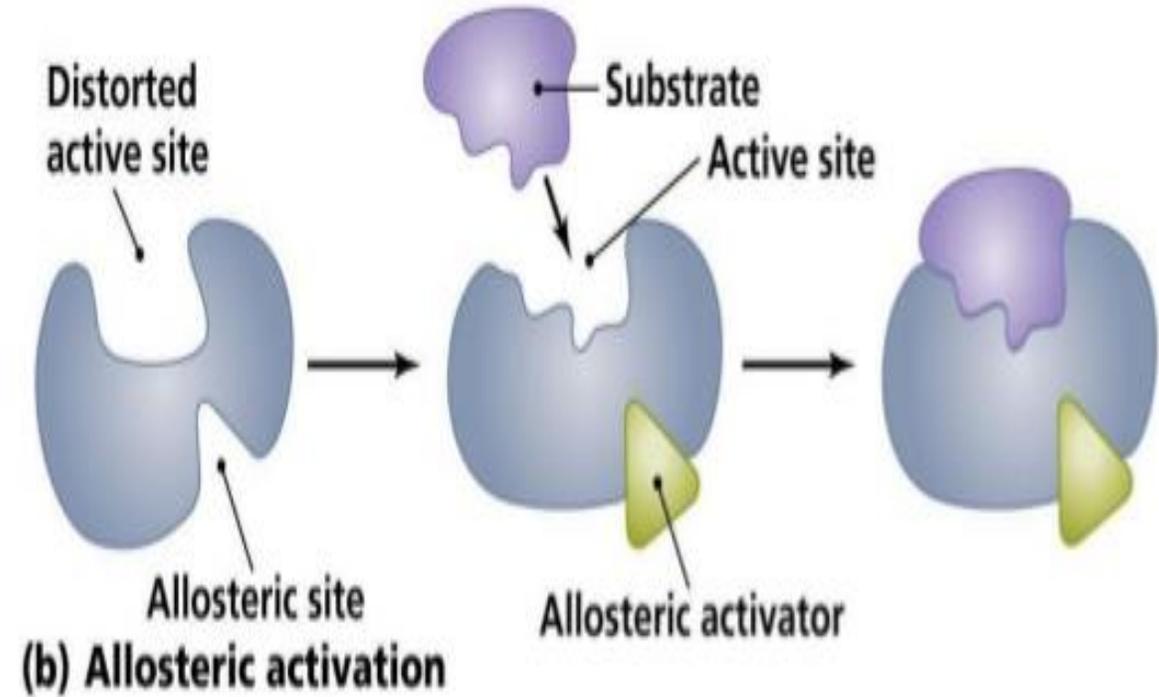
**1. More fit for substrate binding** → ↑ Enz. activity → so called **+Ve** effector (allosteric **activator**).

**2. Unfit for substrate binding** → ↓ Enz. activity → so called **-Ve** effector (allosteric **inhibitor**)

## Effector as an inhibitor

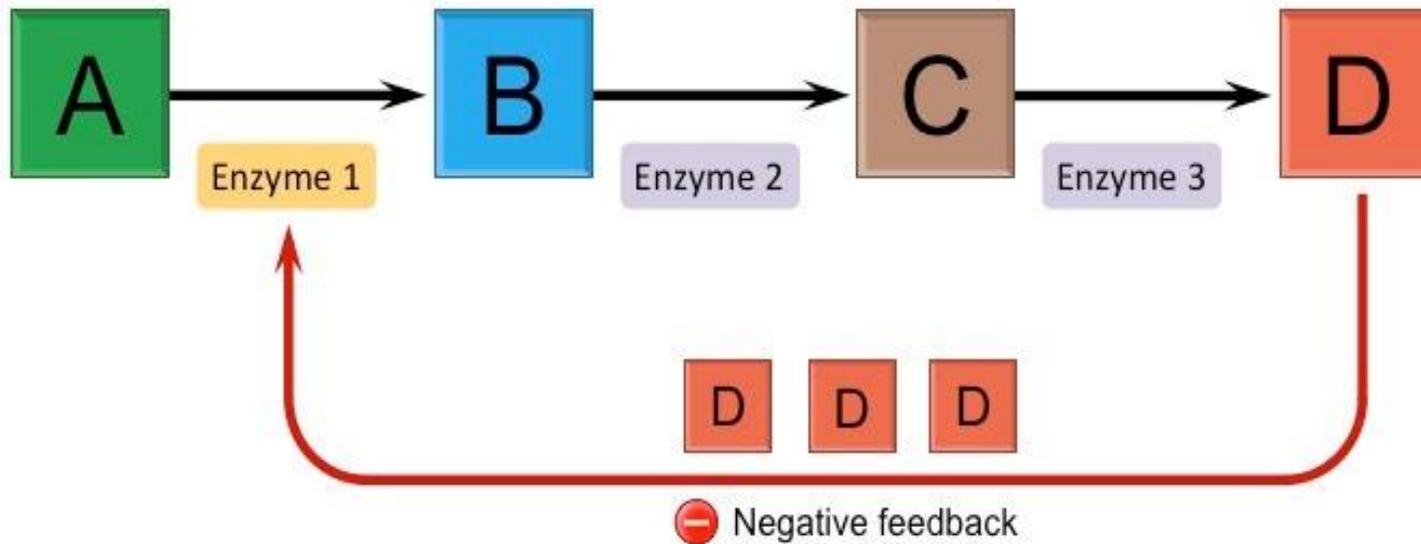


## Effector as an activator



## 2. Feedback Inhibition

- ✓ In biosynthetic pathways, **an end product** may directly inhibit an enzyme early in the pathway.
- ✓ This inhibited enzyme usually catalyzes the **early** functionally **irreversible** step in the **pathway**

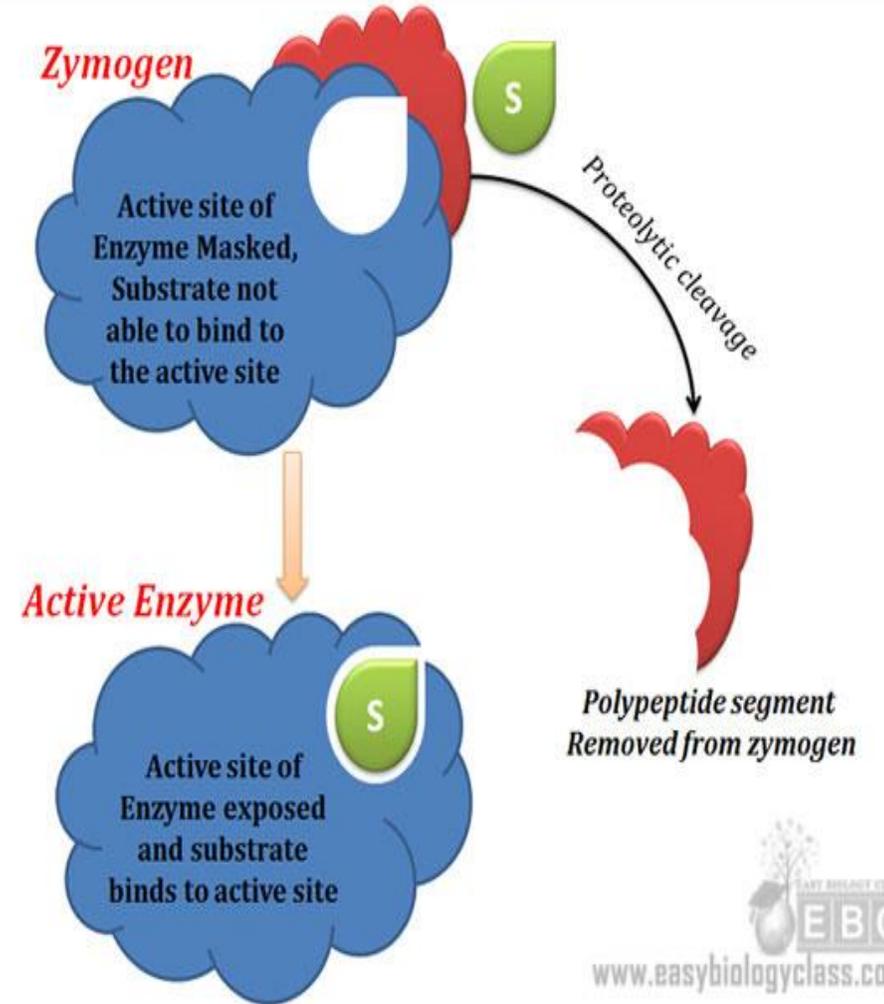


**A:** Initial reactant  
**B, C :** Intermediates  
**D:** End (Final) product

**Accumulation of end product (D) → back signal (-Ve feedback) → ↓↓ of Enzyme1 → slow the pathway**

### 3. Pro-enzymes (Zymogens)

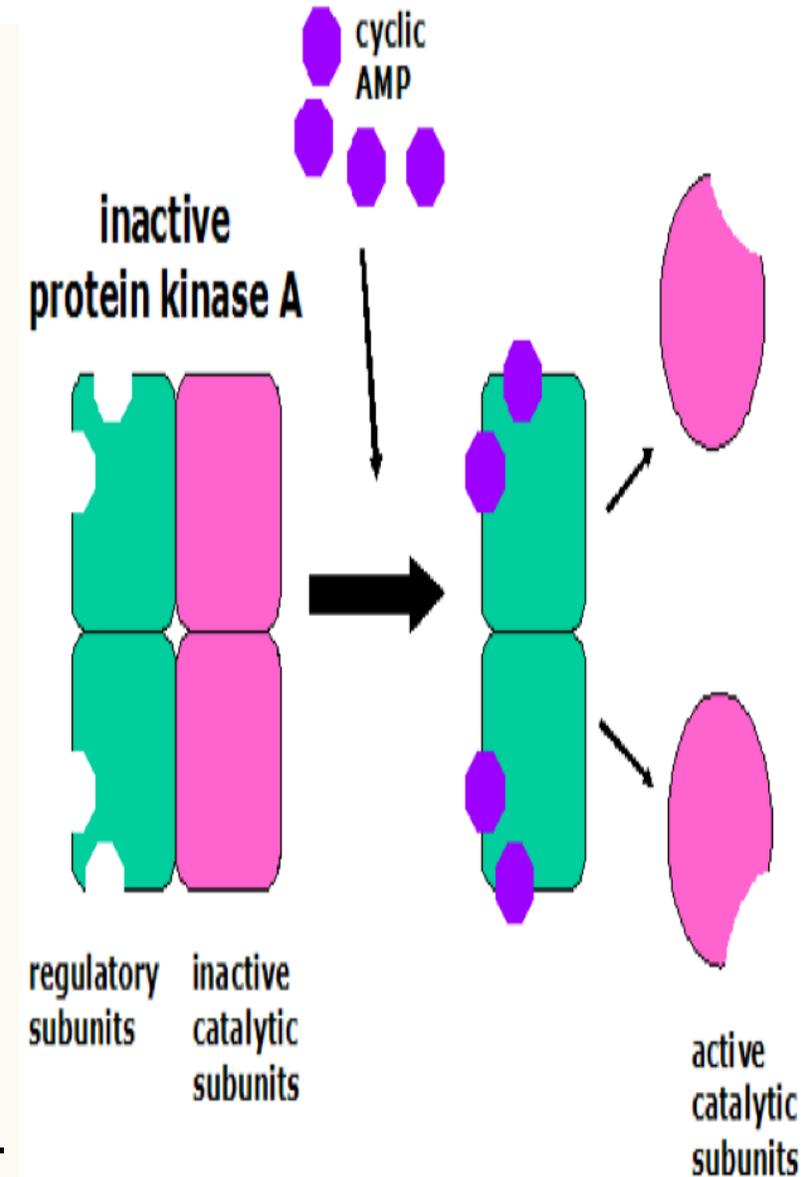
- ✓ Some Enz. initially produced in **inactive form** called **zymogen or proenzyme** as it contains a polypeptide segment that blocks the active site.
- ✓ **Removal of this polypeptide** segment → activation of zymogen
- ✓ **Examples for zymogens** include: **proteolytic digestive** enzyme: that digest protein like:
  1. Pepsinogen,
  2. Trypsinogen,
  3. Chymotrypsinogen,
- ✓ This inactive form → protect the tissues of origin from **auto digestion** (ie. from digesting itself).



**Zymogen Activation by Proteolytic Cleavage**

## 4- Protein-protein interaction

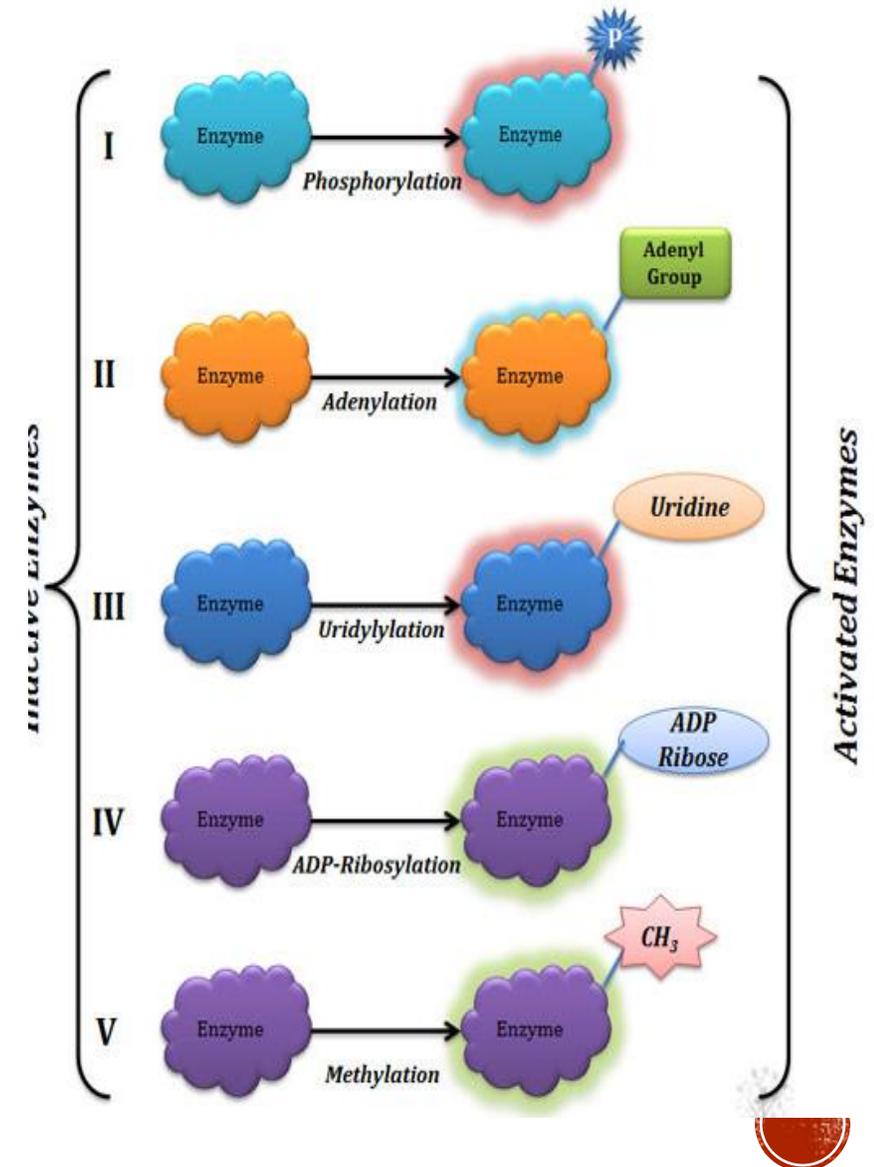
- ✓ Some enzymes are, formed of **inactive form**, consists of catalytic and regulatory subunits.
- ✓ **Activation** of the enzyme occurs by **separation** of the catalytic subunits from the regulatory subunits.
- ✓ Eg **Protein Kinase A (PKA)** enzyme :
  - Formed of **4 subunits**, 2 regulatory (2R) and 2 catalytic (2C) subunits.
  - The **whole** enzyme (2R2C) **is inactive**
  - **cAMP** **activates** the enzyme by **binding to the 2 regulatory (2R) subunits** → releasing the 2 catalytic (2C) (**active**) subunits.



# 5- Covalent modification

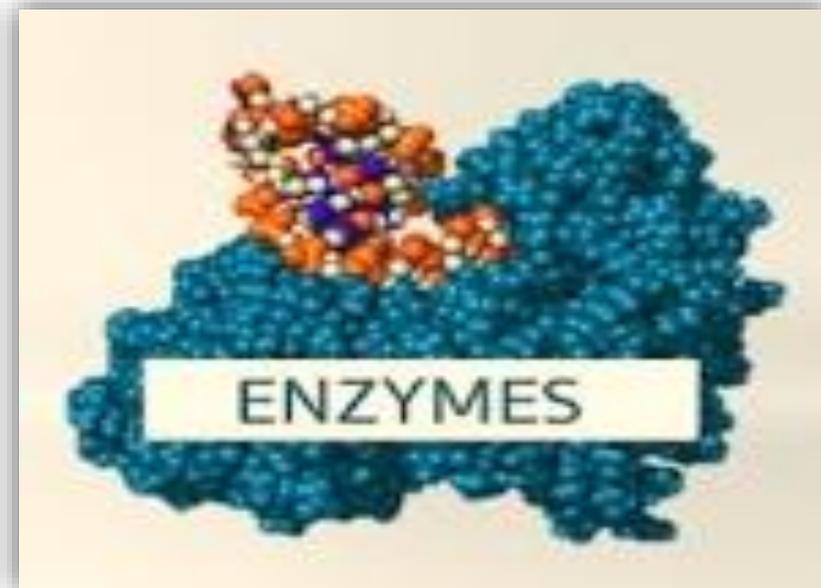
- ✓ It means modification of enzyme activity through formation of **covalent bonds** e.g., Phosphorylation, Acetylation, Methylation
- ✓ **Phosphorylation/ dephosphorylation**
  - the **most covalent** modification used to regulate enzyme activity
  - It involves **transfer of phosphate** (of **ATP**) to & from OH group of: **Serine, Threonine or Tyrosine** AA of the enzyme.
  - **Two enzymes involved**
    - **For phosphorylation: Protein Kinases** → add P
    - **For dephosphorylation: Phosphatases** → remove P
  - **Some enzymes** activated by phosphorylation other activated by dephosphorylation

## Enzyme Regulation by Covalent Modification



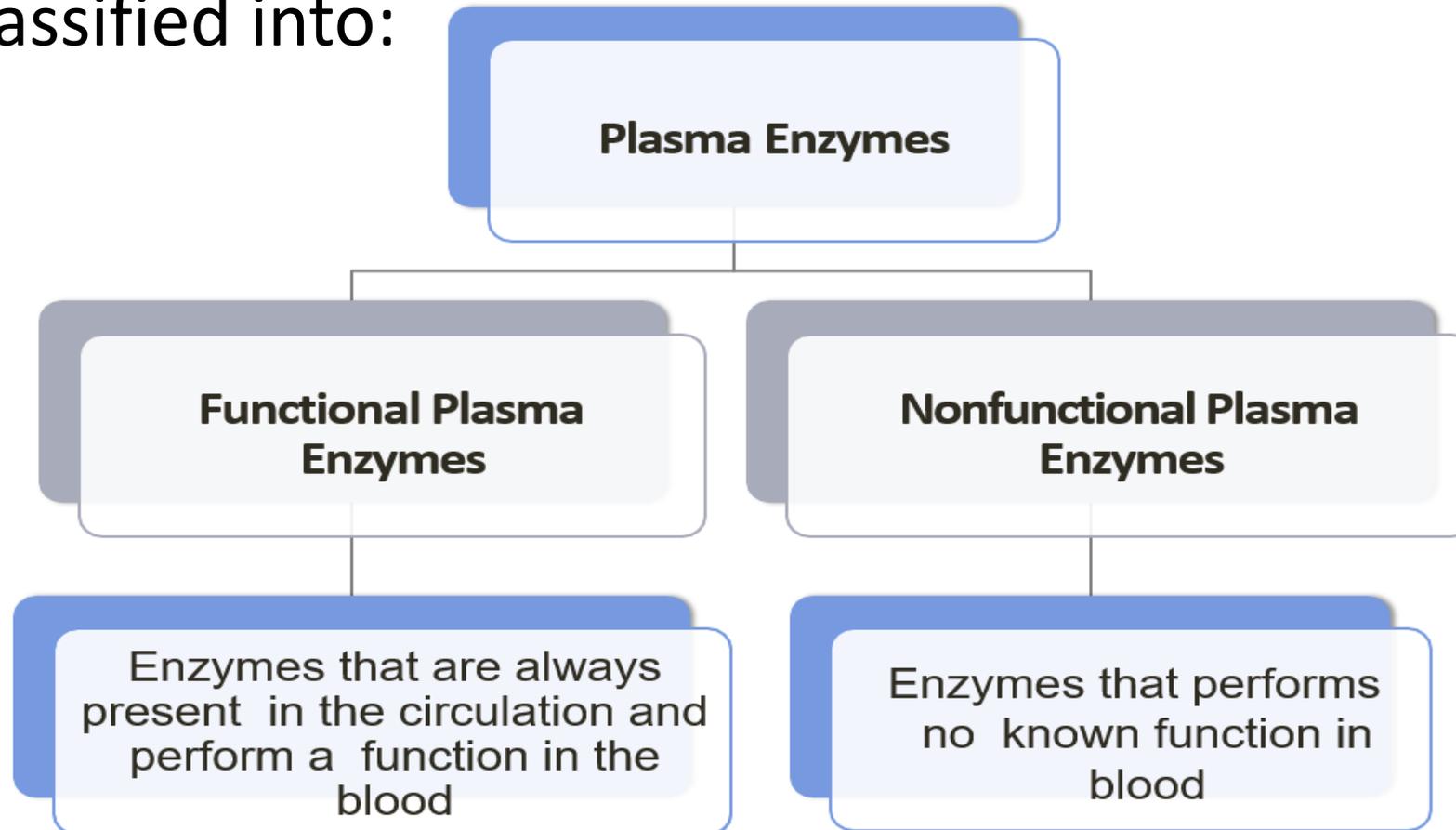
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### A: Plasma enzymes



# Plasma enzymes

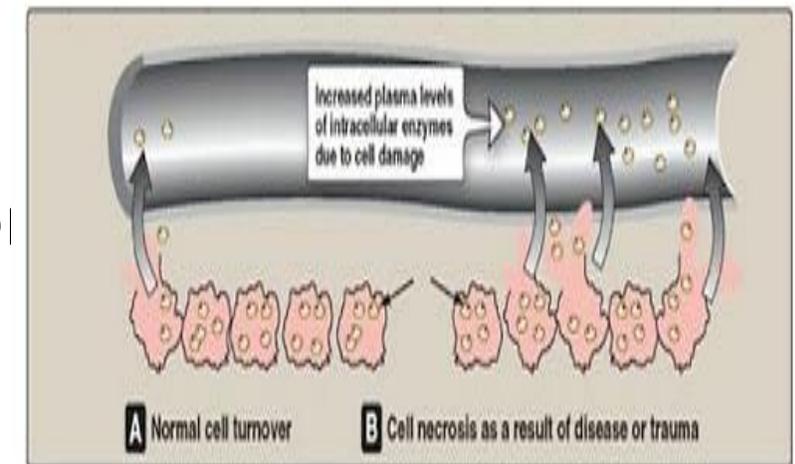
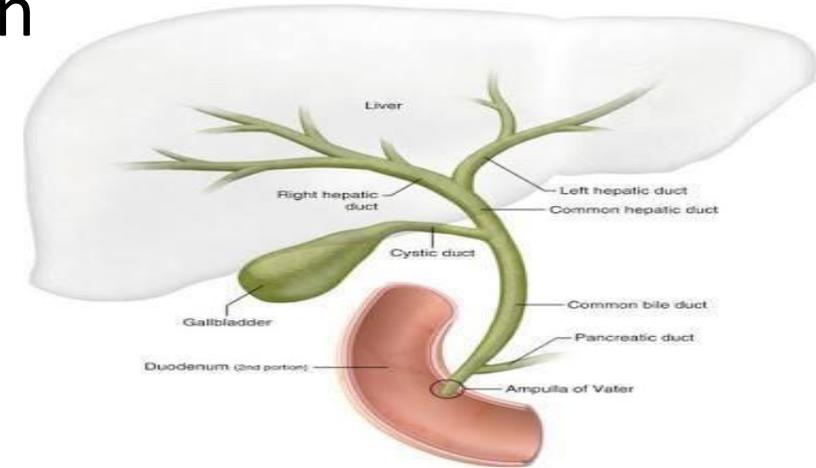
- Plasma contains many enzymes which are classified into:



	<b>Functional plasma enzymes</b>	<b>Non-functional plasma enzymes</b>
• <b>Concentration in plasma</b>	Present in plasma in higher concentrations in comparison to tissues	Normally, present in plasma in very low concentrations in comparison to tissues
• <b>Function</b>	Have known functions	No known functions
• <b>The substrates</b>	Their substrates are always present in the blood	Their substrates are absent from the blood
• <b>Site of synthesis</b>	Liver	Different organs e.g. liver, heart, brain and skeletal muscles
• <b>Effect of diseases</b>	Decrease in liver diseases	Different enzymes increase in different organ diseases
• <b>Examples</b>	Lipoprotein lipase pseudo-choline esterase	Amylase & lipase CK & LDH ALT & AST alkaline phosphatase & acid phosphatase

# Sources of non-functional plasma enzymes

- **Obstruction of normal pathway.** E.g. obstruction of bile ducts increases alkaline phosphatase.
- **Increase permeability of cell membrane** as in tissue hypoxia.
- **Cell damage with the release of its enzyme contents** into the blood E.g. Myocardial infarction and viral hepatitis.



# Medical importance of non-functional plasma enzymes

## Measurement of non-functional plasma enzymes

for:

**1. Diagnosis of diseases:** detection of the diseased organ.

**2. Prognosis and follow up of the disease:** before and after treatment.

# Examples of medically important non-functional plasma enzymes

- 1. Amylase and lipase** enzymes increase in pancreatic diseases.
- 2. Creatine kinase (CK)** enzyme increases in heart, brain and skeletal muscle diseases.
- 3. Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)** enzyme increases in heart, liver and blood diseases.

## Examples of medically important non-functional plasma enzymes

4. **Alanine transaminase (ALT) (sGPT)** enzymes increases in liver diseases.



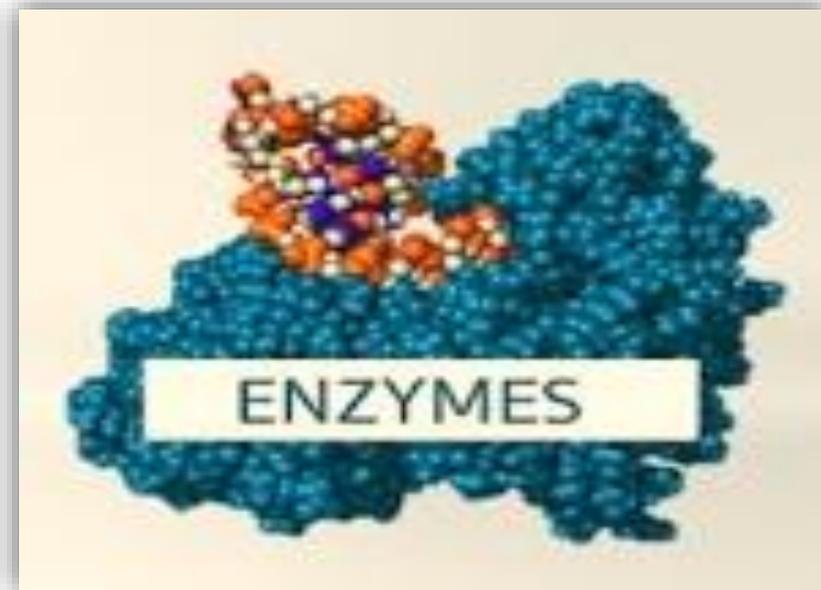
5. **Aspartate transaminase (AST) (sGOT)** increases in liver, muscles and heart diseases

6. **Acid phosphatase** enzyme increases in cancer prostate.

7. **Alkaline phosphatase** enzyme increases in obstructive liver diseases, bone diseases and hyperparathyroidism.

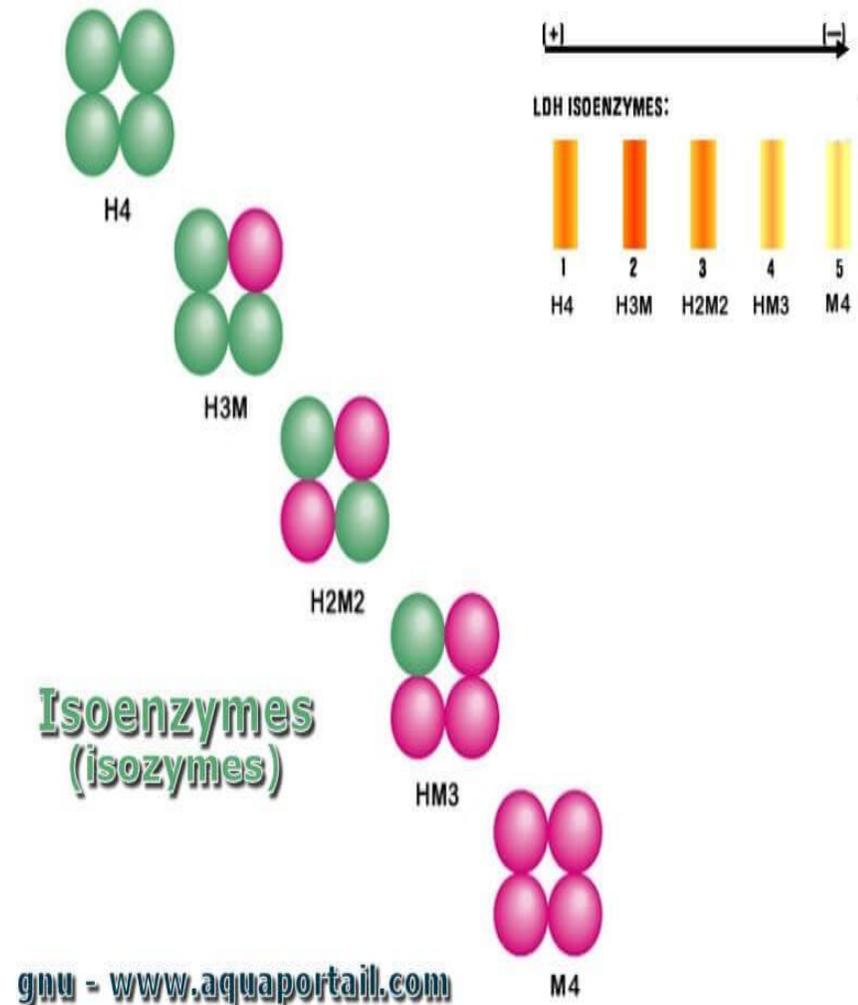
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### **B: Isoenzymes**



# Isoenzymes

- **Iso** means **the same** and **isoenzyme** means **the same enzyme**.
- **Isoenzymes (isozymes)** are **multiple forms** of the enzyme that have the **same catalytic activity**.
- Although they have the same catalytic activity, they are **physically distinct** and **differ in liability to inhibitors**.



## □ Example of isoenzymes

□ Many enzymes are present in isoenzyme form:

**1. Creatine kinase**

**2. Lactate dehydrogenase**

**3. Acid phosphatase**

**4. Alkaline phosphatase**

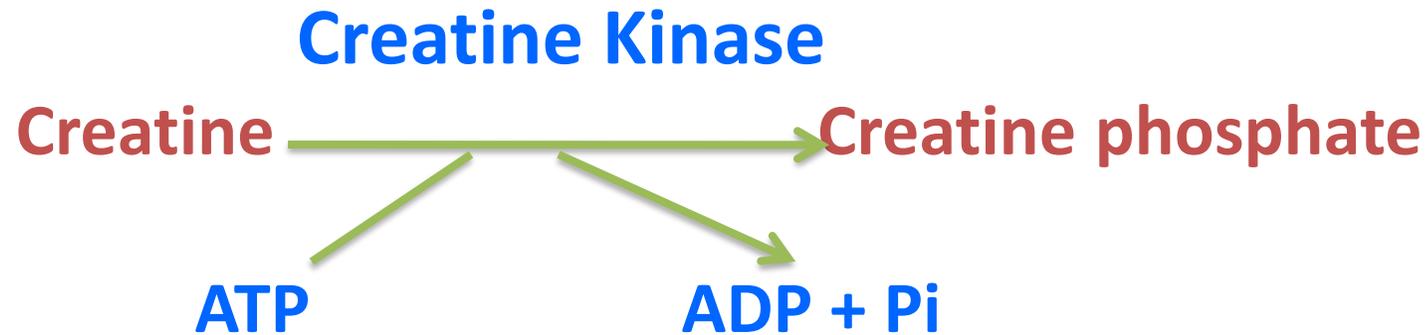
## □ Medical importance of isoenzymes

□ Isoenzymes are not only important for **diagnosis** but also **indicate** the **diseased organ**.

## ❑ Example of isoenzymes

### Creatine kinase (CK)

❑ It is an enzyme that catalyzes phosphorylation of creatine.



❑ Its level in plasma increases in

1. Brain tumors.

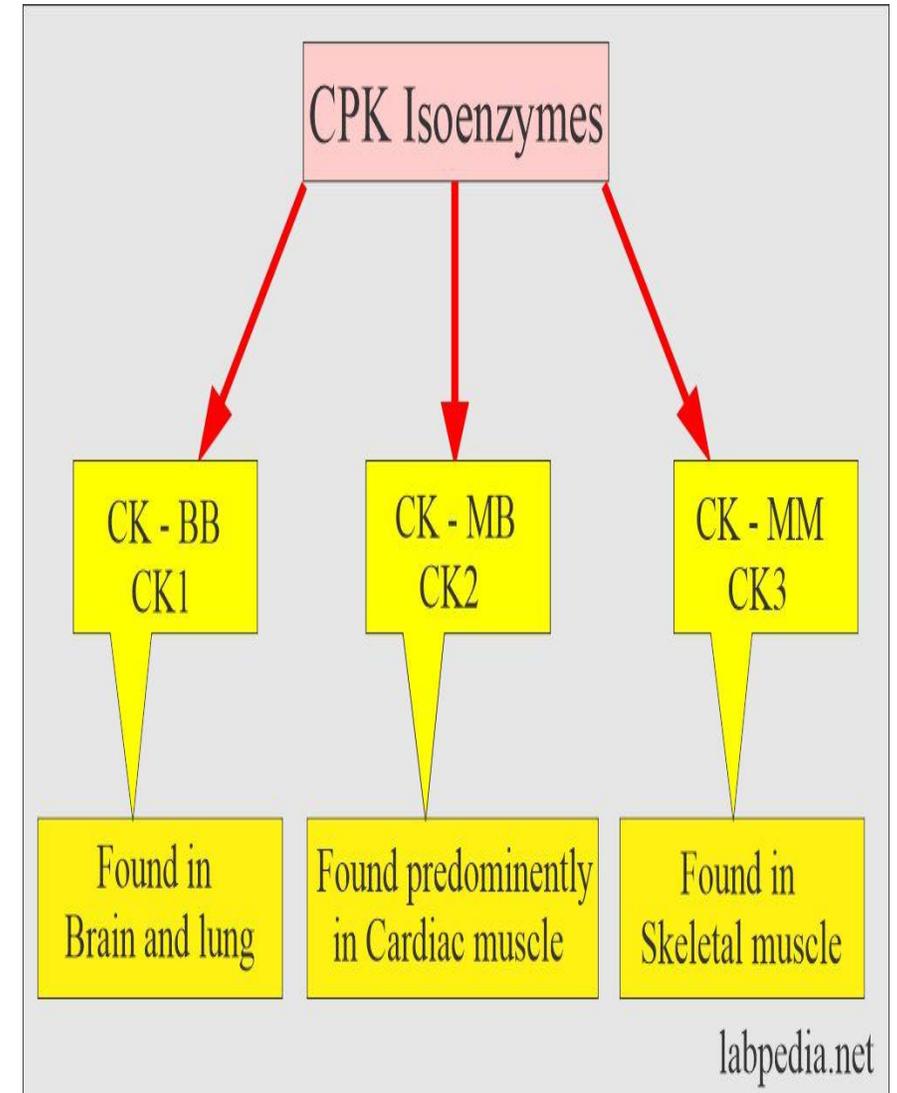
2. Myocardial infarction (**heart** disease).

3. **Skeletal muscle** diseases.

❑ CK has 3 isoenzymes:

- **CK BB** which increases in **brain tumors**.
- **CK MB** which increases in **heart diseases**.
- **CK MM** which increases in **skeletal muscle diseases**.

❑ **CK** isoenzymes are clinically important to **differentiate** between **brain, heart and skeletal muscle** diseases.





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