



An outlook on suicide enzyme inhibition and drug design

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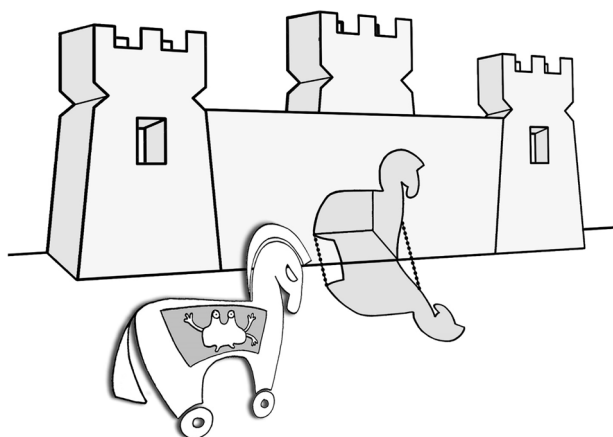
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Abstract

There have been recent renewed interests in the importance of suicide enzyme inhibition. The principal objective of this review is to investigate all types of suicide inhibitions for natural enzymes, artificial biocatalysts as well as therapeutic potential of enzyme suicide inhibition. It is discussed the suicide inhibition beneficial in drug design and treatments and non-beneficial achievements for some industrial enzymes such as HRP peroxidase enzyme. The design of biomimetic artificial enzymes explained to prevent inhibition by protecting the active site via environmental conditions. Suicide enzyme inhibition development can be the key mechanism against sever diseases such as SARS. In this report, suicide enzyme inactivation classes are classified based on target enzyme groups via their substrates.

Graphic abstract

Suicide substrate deceives enzyme by its shape similarity to normal substrate and after interaction with enzyme, its suicidal functional group appears (e.g., Trojan horse).



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Abbreviations

3CL _{pro}	3C-like protease
ACP	Acyl carrier protein
ADA	Adenosine deaminase
ai	Initial activity
APES	Aza-peptide epoxides
C2	Secondary carbon atom
E_0	Initial enzyme concentration
EI	Complex enzyme inhibitor complex
H ₂ O ₂	Hydrogen peroxide

HIV-1	Human immunodeficiency virus 1
HRP	Horseradish peroxidase
k_{app}	Apparent value of k
k_{cat}	The number of substrate molecules each enzyme site converted to product per unit time
Kd	Dimer dissociation constant
K_i	Inhibition rate constant
k_i^{app}	Apparent value of inhibition rate constant
K_m	Michaelis constant
K_m^{app}	Apparent value of Michaeli constant
MERS-CoV	Middle East respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus
MP-11	Microperoxidase-11
Mpro	Main protease
NADPH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
nM	Nano molar
mM	Mili Molar
RdRp	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase
S_0	Initial substrate concentration
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SDS	Sodium-n-dodecyl sulfate
V_{max}	True maximum rate of the catalytic route
λ_{max}	Maximum value of apparent inactivation constant for saturating suicide substrate

Introduction

Modulators or modifiers are compounds that change the rate of catalyzing enzyme reactions. Commonly, when the effect is to reduce the rate, this is labeled “inhibition” [1]. The inhibition of enzyme activity is the dominant regulatory tool of living cells and one of the critical diagnostic processes for enzymologists [2]. This is of great interest in pharmacological studies [3] and is subject to the condition of interaction between inhibitor, substrate, and enzyme. It is classified as various forms of inhibition [4], including reversible and irreversible inhibition. Each group is divided into subgroups for better understanding. Reversible inhibition is organized into 4 subgroups: competitive inhibition, non-competitive inhibition, mixed inhibition, and uncompetitive inhibition. Irreversible inhibition, which is the main interest of this review, is divided into 2 subgroups: affinity label and mechanism-based inhibitors.

Aspirin is one of the first mechanism-based inhibitors, first discovered in 1899 [5], but its mechanism of action remained undiscovered for many years. In 1965, Ingram and Wood discovered a mechanism to inhibit the enzyme tyrosinase [6]. This is how they described it “we wish to report evidence which seems to support the view that this inactivation is due to the formation of a compound between



Scheme 1 Suicide inhibition process. The suicide substrate interacts with the enzyme and then converts to the enzyme inhibitor complex by target enzyme. The k_{cat} plays an important role in this conversion

the enzyme protein and the product of oxidation” [6]. Efforts by other scientists to unravel the mystery of this kind of inhibition continued. Rando finally described this type of inhibition and called it a k_{cat} inhibitor in 1974 [7], and then found a much more suitable name for this type of inhibition in another article that same year, and call it “mechanism-based inhibition.” In 1975, Carlos H. Ramirez-Ronda named it a Trojan horse inhibition [8]. Finally, in January 1976, a paper presented this type of enzyme inhibition mechanism extensively and named it “suicide inhibition” [9].

Enzyme inhibition

Irreversible enzyme inhibition

Irreversible inhibitors usually covalently modify an enzyme [10], and as a result, the inhibition cannot be reversed. When a substance binds strongly to an enzyme so that it can no longer dissociate [11], irreversible inhibition occurs. The kinetics of enzyme irreversible inhibition is often first order [12]. There are two kinds of irreversible inhibition: enzyme–substrate mechanism-based inhibition (k_{cat} inhibitors) and classical affinity labeling agents (active site directed) [13]. Enzyme–substrate mechanism-based inhibition is called k_{cat} inhibitors (suicide inactivator) as k_{cat} term is the most important kinetic term in such inhibition (Scheme 1) [14]. Affinity labeling inhibitors are agents in which enzyme binding affinity determines their specificity and effectiveness. In current active site directed reagents [15], the reactive groups are exposed in the solution; hence, they are free to react indiscriminately with any enzyme or small molecule in the solution before reaching its target [16].

As opposed to affinity labels, suicide substrate functional groups are latent in solution and require catalytic uncovering by the target enzyme. This type of inhibitor is the substrate analog that irreversibly ties up with the binding site of an enzyme, deceiving the enzyme by concealing their functional groups. Thus, self-inactivation will occur by the enzyme [16–18]. The substrate, before interacting with the enzyme, is chemically unreactive (Scheme 1). However, the output of the enzymatic modification results in a highly reactive molecule, as a consequence of k_{cat} inhibition [19]. These types of irreversible inhibition could be ideal for drug design because they are specific for

the target enzyme [4, 14]. Suicide substrates bring forth the guided enzyme to carry out suicide at some state in its catalytic cycle [19, 20]. Such inhibitors are specific, because they inactivate only the enzymes that recognize them as substrates. Table 1 shows examples of different suicide substrate and their target enzymes. Suicide substrates could be useful in kinetic, active site, and enzyme mechanism studies [21]. The simplest overall kinetic is illustrated in Schemes 1 and 2, for the inhibitors described above; for affinity labeling Scheme 2; and for suicide inhibition Scheme 1.

Mechanism of suicide enzyme inhibition

The precise mechanism of inactivation process will differ from one enzyme to another, but the catalytic turnover of the inhibitor is the pivotal occurrence at all times [14]. It is reported that five classes of suicide enzyme inactivation occur. These are categorized by their enzymatically active groups, which are catalytically exposed by target enzymes, namely (1) acetylenes, (2) olefins, (3) β -substituted amino acids, (4) miscellaneous, which is divided into (A) cyclopropyl compounds, (b) penicillin derivatives, (c) phenylhydrazine, and (d) nitrilo compounds, and (5) coumarins which are recently added. The two groups of acetylenes and olefins are summarized as below.

Acetylenes

Acetylenes were the first class of suicide enzyme inhibitors studied, the class described by Bloch and coworkers [51]. They represent Δ^3 -decynoyl-thioester in the character of the acetylenic analog of one of the substrates of β -hydroxydecanoyl thioester dehydrase in the synthesis of monounsaturated fatty acids pathway [52]. Several stages in the catalytic cycle of a particular enzyme could convert inactive acetylenic group to an active conjugated allene [43, 53]. Observations admitted that the enzyme initiates catalysis on the suicide substrate by the regular generation of a C2 (secondary carbon atom). The mechanism of inhibition does not only engage alkylation of an enzymatically generated allene (Scheme 3) [54]. There are four suicide enzyme mechanisms in which inert acetylenic group plays a fundamental role: (1) carbanion construction at a neighboring carbon and propargylic reformation to an allene, (2) oxidation of a bordering functional group to a ketone equivalent, or (3) monooxygenation to an oxacyclopropene equivalent, and (4) enzymic exposure of an allenic anion equivalent as nucleophilic, categorized by Walsh [55]. The mechanism for inactivation of cystathionine γ -synthase by propargylglycine demonstrates an example of this kind of inhibition (Scheme 4).

Olefins

Enzymes commonly struggle to carry active site nucleophiles out of sight from the electrophilic intermediates. Nonetheless, when oxidation exposes the reactive performance, mechanism-based alkylative inhibition appears (Scheme 5). Please see the example is Scheme 6.

Conditions that affect suicide enzyme inhibition

Substrate concentration

There are two main trackways to study the effects of suicide substrate concentration on suicide inhibition. The first approach is keeping the substrate concentration practically more than enzyme concentration $S_0 \gg E_0$, and the second approach uses a lower substrate concentration than enzyme concentration $S_0 \ll E_0$. Transient-phase kinetics of enzyme inactivation is illustrated by enzymologists who discovered the solution for time vs. product concentration [57].

$$S_0 \gg E_0$$

The kinetic behavior of enzyme in the condition of $S_0 \gg E_0$ (multi-turnover) occurs through several phases: first: transient phase to a steady state and second: steady state. The consumption of substrate leads to the third phase: transient phase from the over steady state to a sequence of latest steady state. In the last phase, because of diminished substrate, there is no steady state. Also, when an enzyme is present in the presence of a great deal of substrate, this kind of phase will take place, considering the mechanism consists of one catalytic route [57, 58]

$$E_0 \gg S_0$$

$E_0 \gg S_0$ condition lacks the steady state, in such terms; there will be just a transient phase due to substrate consumption. Therefore, the kinetic behavior of suicide substrate under condition $E_0 \gg S_0$ (single turnover) could be regarded as a consequence of an overlap in time of two transient phases as a result of the catalytic and inactivation way in this mechanism [57].

Canovas and coworkers studied various conditions with different catechol concentrations (S_0) keeping E_0 (tyrosinase) and pH constant [59]. These experiments demonstrated the hyperbolic dependence of “apparent inactivation constant” versus different catechol concentrations, S_0 . The kinetic parameters of the bovine liver catalase by hydrogen peroxide were also determined in our laboratory [60]. The apparent rate constant (k_1^{app}) in diverse concentrations of H_2O_2 (5.0–20 mM) has been illustrated. These outcomes demonstrated the linearity of k_{app} in different concentration of H_2O_2 [61]. When there is a variation in substrate concentration during the reaction, different kinetic equations should be considered to study suicide inhibition [62, 63].

Table 1 Suicide substrates and their target enzymes

Entry	Compound	Enzyme	
1	$\Delta^{(3,4)}$ decynoyl-N-acetyl cysteamine (NAC)	β -Hydroxydecanoyl thioester dehydrase	[7]
2	2-Hydroxy-3-butynoic acid	Flavin-linked lactate dehydrogenase	[7]
3	L-serine sulfate	Soluble aspartate aminotrans	[7]
4	β -Chloroalanin	Soluble aspartate aminotrans, and L-aspartate- β - decarboxylase	[7]
5	Rhizobitoxine	β -Cystanthionase	[7]
6	L-2-amino-4-methoxy-trans-3-butenoic acid (AMB), β , γ -unsaturated amino acid 2-amino-3-butenoic	Pyridoxal phosphate-linked aspartate amino- transferase	[7]
7	Tosyl phenylalanyl chloromethyl ketone TPCK	Chymotrypsin	[9]
8	B, γ -Acetylenic	$\Delta^{3,5}$ -Ketosteroid isomerase	[17]
9	N-propargylglycine	Sarcosine demethylase	[17]
10	4-Amino-5-hexynoic acid	7-Aminobutyric acid (GABA) transaminase	[17]
11	Propargylglycine	Pyridoxal-linked γ -cystathionase and Aspartate aminotrans-ferase	[17]
12	1-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine	Monoamine oxidase	[18]
13	3-aminobenzamide	Tankyrase	[22]
14	6-(1S-hydroxy-3- methylbutyl)-7-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one	Carbonic anhydrases	[23]
15	Coumarin-3-carboxylate derivatives	Kallikreins 7	[24]
16	26-Fluorinated Δ^{24} -sterol	Tbsterol C24-methyltransferase	[25]
17	5-Bromoindirubin 3'-(O-oxiran-2-ylmethyl)oxime	Epoxide hydrolase	[26]
18	1-Allyl-3,4-methylenedioxy-5-methoxybenzene (Myristicin)	CYP1A2	[27]
19	Foeniculum vulgare, Cinnamomum burmani, and Strychnos ligustrina	CYP3A4	[28]
20	Piper nigrum	CYP2D6	[28]
21	Tetracyclic sulfenamides	Adenosine 5'-diphosphate receptor P2Y	[29]
22	β -Chloroalanine	Alanine racemase	[30]
23	26,27-Dehydrolanosterol (DHL)	Acanthamoeba spp sterol 24-/28-methylases (SMT)	[31]
24	3-Ethylthioprop-2-en-1-ol	Allyl alcohol	[32]
25	Azaserine	Formylglycinamide ribonucleotide (FGAR) aminotransferase	[32]
26	p-Hydroxybenzylcyanide	Dopamine β -hydroxylase	[32]
27	10 β -Propargylestr-4-ene-3,17-dione	Aromatase	[32]
28	Vinyl GABA, 4-aminohex-5-ynoic acid	GABA transaminase	[32]
29	Difluoromethyl DOPA	Peripheral DOPA decarboxylase	[32]
30	β -Aminoacetylenic	Mitochondrial monoamine oxidase	[32]
31	Benzothiazinones	Mycobacterial Decaprenylphosphoryl- β -D-ribofuranose 2'-Oxi-dase DprE1	[33]
32	DL- α -Difluoromethylornithine (D FMO)	Eukaryotic ornithine decarboxylase (ODC)	[34]
33	7,8,4-Trihydroxyisoflavone and 5,7,8,4-tetrahydroxyisoflavone	Mushroom tyrosinase	[35]
34	Halomethyl dihydrocoumarins	Serine protease	[36]
35	Benzotriazole esters	Proteinase	[37]
36	Serpin1 of Arabidopsis thaliana	Metacaspase 9	[38]
37	Caffeic acid and its n-nonyl ester (n-nonyl caffeate)	Tyrosinase	[39]
38	o-Aminophenols and aromatic o-diamines	Tyrosinase	[40]
39	3-Decynoyl-N-acetylcysteamine	P-hydroxydecanoyl thioester dehydrase (3-hydroxydecanoyl-[acyl-carrier-protein]d ehydratase)	[41]
40	3-Keto-5,10-secosteroids	Δ^5 -3-Ketosteroid isomerase (steroid A-isomerase)	[42]
41	L-2-amino-4-methoxy-trans-3-butenoic acid	Aspartate aminotransferase	[42]
42	β -Aminopropionitrile	Collagen cross-linking enzyme	[42]
43	3-Decynoyl-CoA	β -Hydroxydecanoyl thioester dehydrase	[43]
44	Acetylenic secosteroids	Δ^5 -3-ketosteroid isomerase	[43]
45	Ethynylglycine	Alanine racemase	[43]

Table 1 (continued)

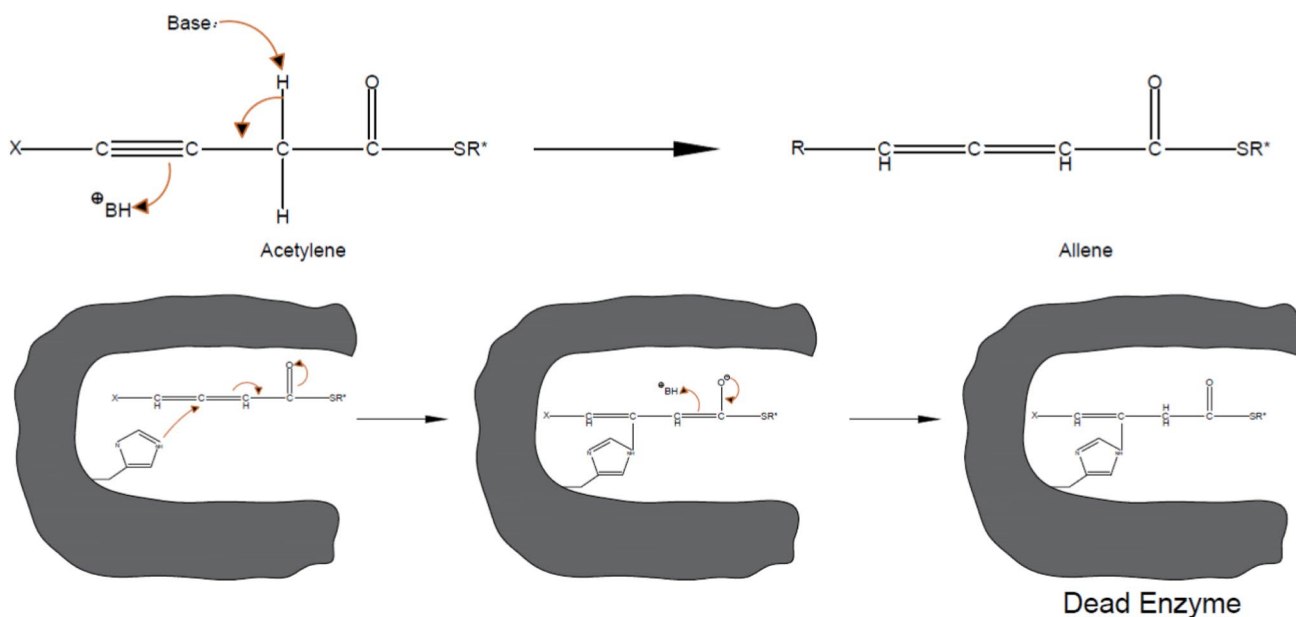
Entry	Compound	Enzyme	
46	γ -Acetylenic-GAB	GABA transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase, ornithine-6-transaminase	[43]
47	4.5-lysine	Lysine-c-transaminase ornithine- δ -transaminase	[43]
48	1.4-Diaminobutyn	Ornithine decarboxylase	[43]
49	α -Ethylnylornithine	Ornithine decarboxylase	[43]
50	α -Ethylnyl-OOPA	DOPA decarboxylase	[43]
51	3-Butynyl CoA	β -ketoacyl thiolase, Glutaryl CoA dehydrogenase, Butyryl CoA dehydrogenase	[43]
52	N-pmpynylglycine	Sarcosine oxidase	[43]
53	Butyne-1-o1, Butyne-1,4-diol	Alcohol dehydrogenase alcohol oxidase	[43]
54	Ethylene	Liver P-450 monooxygenase	[43]
55	19-Propynyl and ethynylestrogen precursors	Aromstase	[43]
56	Hydroxybutynoate	Several flavin-linked α -hydroxy acid oxidizing enzymes	[43]
57	N-allygly	Sarcosine oxidase	[43]
58	Allyl alcohol	Alcohol dehydrogenase	[43]
59	Vinylglycolat	L-hydroxy acid oxidase, Enzyme I of hexose phosphotransferase system	[43]
60	Vinylglycin	L-aspartate transaminase D-amino acid transaminase L-amino acid	[43]
61	4-Trans-methoxy Vinylglycine	L-aspartate transaminase	[43]
62	4-Trans-aminoethoxyvinylglycine	PLP-enzyme in ethylene biosynthesis	[43]
63	Rhizobitoxi	β -Cystathionase	[43]
65	3-Chloroallylamin	Plasma amine oxidase	[43]
64	Acrolein	5-Deoxyribose phosphate aldolase	[43]
65	γ -VinylGABA	GAEA transaminase	[43]
66	cis-4.5-lysene trans-4.5-lysene	Lysine-c-transaminase	[43]
67	3.4-Dehydro-L-glutamat	Glutamate decarboxylase	[43]
68	Allylglycine	Glutamate decarboxylase	[43]
69	2-Amino-cis-3-pentenoa	Methionine- γ -lyase	[43]
70	Allylisopropylacetamid	Liver P-450 nmooxygenase	[43]
71	α -VinylDOPA	DDPA decarboxylase	[43]
72	β -Fluoroalanine. D- or L-	Alanine racemase serfine transhydroxymethylase	[43]
75	β , β -Difluoroalanine	Alanine racemase	[43]
73	β , β -Trifluoroalanine	Several PLP-enzymes	[43]
74	5-FluoroGABA	GABA transaminase	[43]
75	α -fluoromethylwpa	DOPA decarboxylase	[43]
76	α , α -difluorlxsthyldop	DOPA decarboxylase	[43]
77	α -Fluoronethyl histidfne	Histidine decarboxylase	[43]
78	α -fluorofmhyl ornithine	Ornithine decarboxylase	[43]
79	α , α -Difluoromethyl ornithine	Ornithine decarboxylase	[43]
80	α -Fluoromethyl glutamate	Glutamate decarboxylase	[43]
81	α -Fluoromethylhistidine	Histidine decarboxylase	[44]
82	3-Nitropropionic acid		
83	1-Ethylnylpyrene	Cytochrome P-450-dependent benzo[a]pyrene hydroxylase	[45]
84	2-Bromoethylamine	Semicarbazide-sensitive amine oxidase	[46]
85	β -Haloamines	Lysyl Oxidase	[47]
86	Vinylglycine (2-amino-3-butenoa)	L-Amino Acid Oxidase	[43]
87	N-phenylethylenediamine (PEDA)	Dopamine β -monooxygenase	[48]
88	7-Nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole Derivatives	Glutathione S-Transferases	[49]
89	Androsta-1,4-diene-3,17-diones	Aromatase	[50]



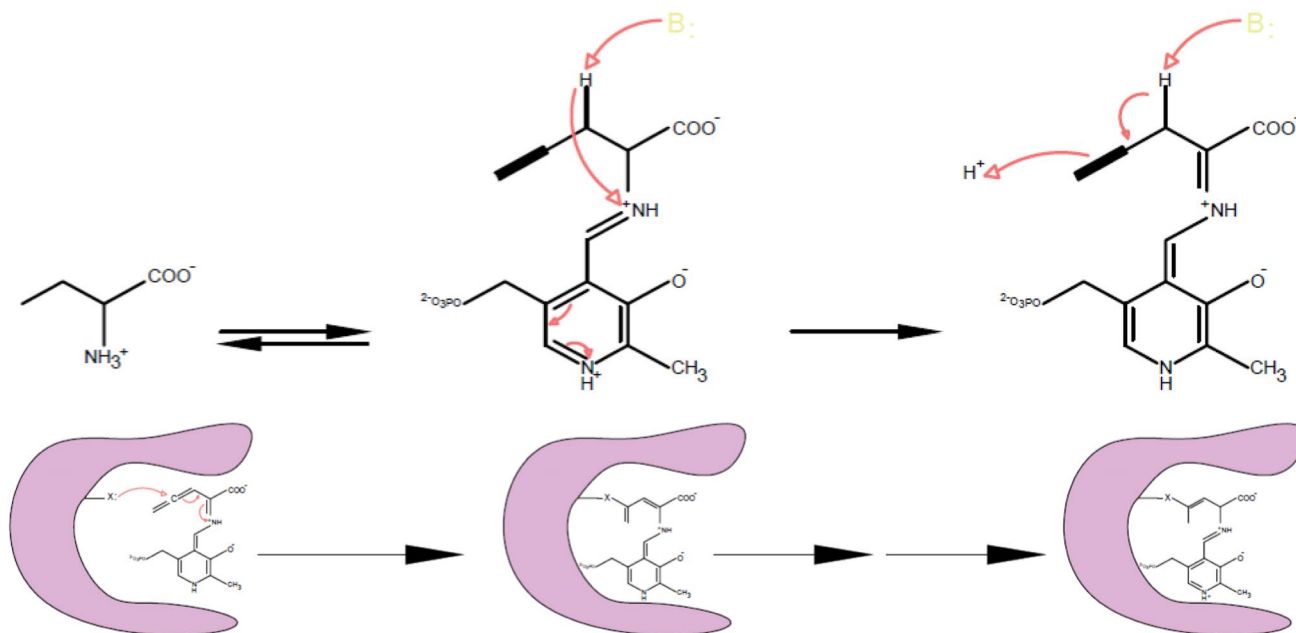
Thermal effect

Scheme 2 Affinity labeling inhibition process

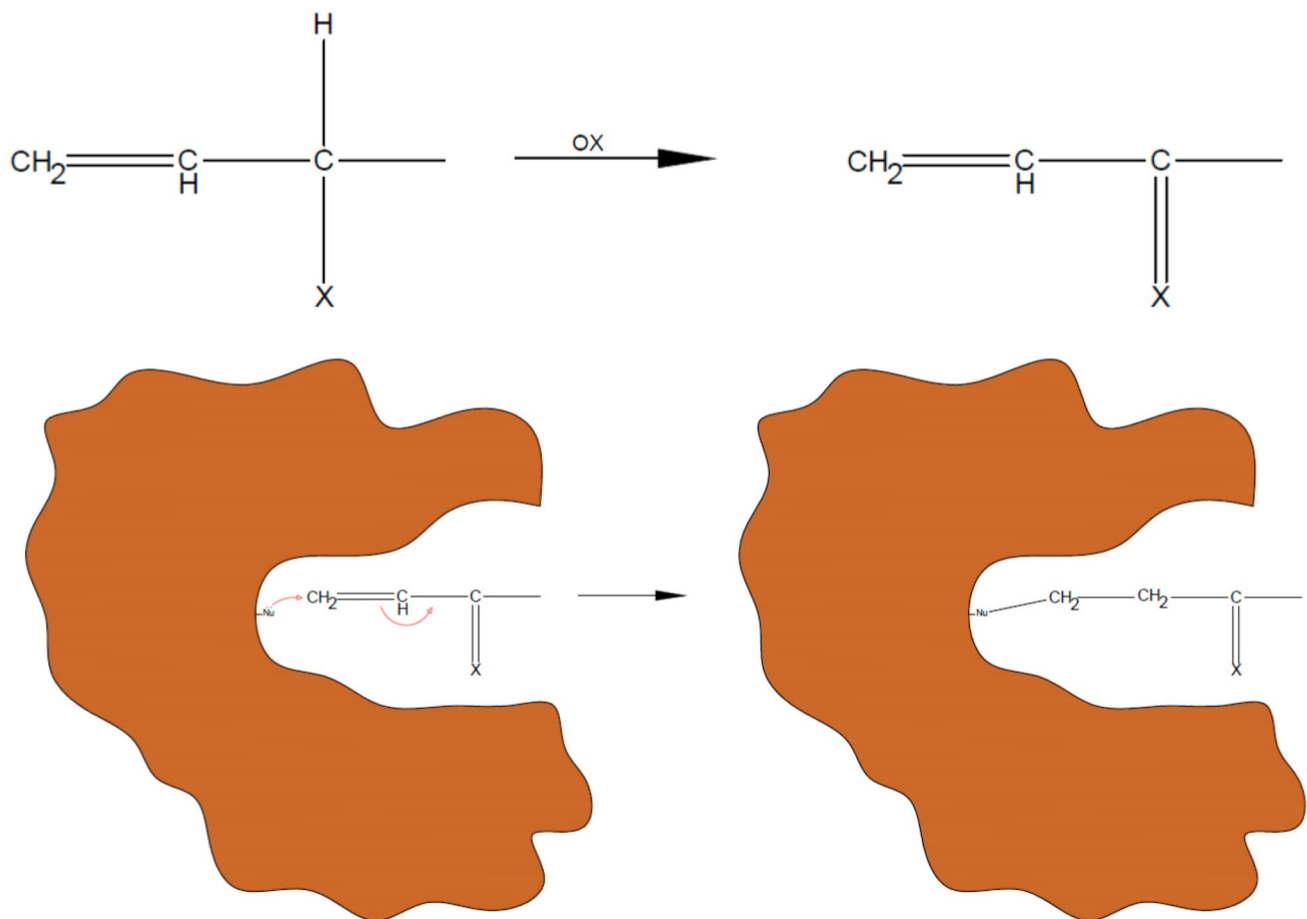
Avoiding heat inhibition is a critical issue in enzyme technology. In industrial processes, enzymes may be affected by varying temperatures [10], which could lead to enzyme inactivation and hence restricting enzyme usages. This thermal inhibition could be either reversible or irreversible [11]. The thermal process could also manipulate flavor, color, and



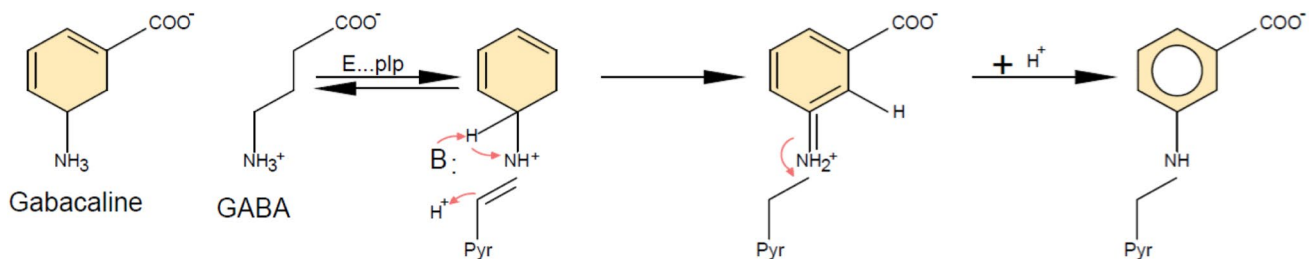
Scheme 3 Mechanism of the inhibition process [56]



Scheme 4 Mechanism proposed for inactivation of cystathionine γ -synthase by propargylglycine [15]



Scheme 5 Mechanism of the inhibition process [57]



Scheme 6 Mechanism proposed for inactivation of GABA transaminase by gabaculine [15]

texture enzymes. For example, pigments make a significant contribution to perceived color, and its degradation by enzymes, like lipoxygenases can considerably reduce color quality [12]. As demonstrated by Saboury et al. as a matter of caffeine binding to ADA a lower K_i value was noted when the temperature was increased by 10 °C. In addition, caffeine binding to ADA is an endothermic process, and the concentration of the EI complex defines the heat value of the reaction [64]. Also, inhibition of mushroom tyrosinase by ethyl xanthate at three temperatures of 10 °C, 20 °C, and

33 °C demonstrated that the inhibition constant decreased at 33 °C. Thus, the inhibitor has extra affinity for binding to the enzyme at higher temperature [9]. The dissociation binding constant (K_i) could be achieved from thermodynamic and kinetic studies [2]. Furthermore, aspirin and diclofenac are anti-inflammatory drugs, inhibit (suicide inhibition) the activity of adenosine deaminase (ADA), and have diverse effects at diverse temperatures [17].

The heat inactivation process of an enzyme triggers denaturation, which occurs due to interruption of the hydrogen

bonds and start of enzyme molecule unfolding. Subsequent subunit dissociation, incorrect refolding, and aggregation are factors that can directly cause inactivation. Within this context, when the exposure of hydrophobic sites occurs, aggregation is the consequence and readily appears. Also, denaturation is the aftereffect of aggregation, which leads to enzyme's irreversible configurational change and loss of activity. The temperature and heating time could affect the rate of enzyme inhibition at higher temperatures. The feedback to temperature would occur and follow a biphasic denaturation pattern, thus implying that inactivation arises by various mechanisms each with its temperature dependence, which can be concluded from thermo-inhibition experiments [19]. The graphical fitting method for the measurement of binding constants and enthalpy of binding, based on isothermal titration microcalorimetry data, is easily obtained with high efficiency; this can be used in other systems [65]. Under certain circumstances, the covalent cysteine disulfide bond and the binding of prosthetic groups could have a stabilizing effect [12, 65].

pH

Generally in Michaelis–Menten constant K_m is pH-dependent [66]. The pH might affect enzymes toward alterations in the binding. It is known that structural matching is a critical key in the binding mechanism, and these structural reshaping in protein–ligand binding has been of primary interest. It is crucial to comprehend the energetic changes of binding-induced protonation state, which can be distinguished as sectional protein unfolding or destabilizing mutations [66]. The pH effect on enzyme or substrate, by globally changing the conformation of the protein, is a cause of altered protonation state of the titratable groups during individual reaction and leads to pH dependence of protein stability. These changes are essential for structure-based drug design, practical and automated ligand docking, and affinity ordering methods [66].

As mentioned before, pH can affect K_m and also could affect turnover number k_{cat} (the number of substrate molecules each enzyme site converts to product per unit time) by changing the actual catalysis of the bound substrate [67]. The outcome of the pH effect on the suicide inactivation of frog epidermis was investigated by Garcla Moreno. Kinetic studies indicated that the kinetic constant λ_{max} (maximum value of apparent inactivation constant for saturating suicide substrate) does not change along with the pH. The independence of λ_{max} against pH is the evidence of benefaction of steady-state steps. The nonlinear fall of K_m^{app} (apparent K_m) versus pH data has demonstrated an excellent fit by nonlinear regression [68]. Cánovas and coworkers noted the catalytic and inactivation stages do not depend on the protonation/deprotonation of the enzyme. Their research on

the suicide inactivation of tyrosinase demonstrated that the dependence of tyrosinase to catechol diminishes with pH [59].

The effects of nanobiocatalysis components and amino acids

For illustrating nanobiocatalysis effects, hemoprotein models could clarify that the complex associations are the best choice. Heme-based mini enzymes or microperoxidases are the latest types of biocatalysts and hemoenzyme models. Microperoxidases have peroxidatic activity such as HRP and cytochrome C. Microperoxidase-11 (MP-11) is a polypeptide consisting of the active site microenvironment of cytochrome c and a heme prosthetic group, and MP-11 can simulate peroxidase oxidation reactions. MP-11 is more water-soluble and has a lessened shift to aggregate/dimerize, and a dimensional configuration than a simple heme. Identical to peroxidases, the heme group in MP-11 is exposed to the solvent. In all hemoproteins, including peroxidases “suicide-peroxide inactivation” pathway initiates in high concentrations of hydrogen peroxide. A high concentration of hydrogen peroxide likewise can inactivate microperoxidases and then the peroxidases as a result of uncovered heme group [69]. When catalase meets H_2O_2 , the bovine liver catalase reaction triggers. At first, the decay of H_2O_2 by catalase appears in line with the catalytic cycle. Further, inhibition of catalase through commutation of two-electron-oxidized state (compound I) to other oxidized model of catalase (compound II) by interior electron donors takes place. Derivatives of compound II and compound II itself are catalytically passive. Consequently, the active enzyme gently quits from the catalytic cycle and this action leads to suicide inactivation [60].

Cyanide and azide ions, sodium-n-dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 2-mercaptoethanol, 3-aminotriazole, and NADPH influence on the initial activity (a_i), inhibition rate constant (k_i) and the partition ratio (r) of bovine liver catalase reaction with its suicide substrate hydrogen peroxide were investigated. Cyanide and azide ions, which consist of rapid and reversible inhibitors of catalase, resulted in a decline in a_i and k_i but r remained constant. In sodium-n-dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and 2-mercaptoethanol samples, which result in gradual and irreversible inactivation of catalase for a settled time, a decrease in a_i and perseverance of k_i and r were recognized. The 3-aminotriazole could incorporate with intermediate compound I, and as a consequence, a_i was almost unchanged although a rise in k_i and a fall in r were noted. In NADPH effector, which diminishes compound I to Ferri catalase, a_i was not changed considerably. However, a bit of decline in k_i was observed that was related to a rise in r . The outcome demonstrated reliable detection of variable effectors influence and determined the kinetic parameters of catalase in

different approaches. Therefore, the measurement of these parameters by simple kinetic analysis can be accomplished for the classification of the agents which affect the kinetics of catalase [70].

To declare the value of the certain reagents, the recombinant proteins have disclosed the importance of the amino acid residues that are essential for catalysis. The wisdom of the full protein sequence led to the identification of the positions of these special amino acids [71]. HRP isozyme C is a single-chain glyco-hemoprotein containing 308 residues. HRP has an alpha-helical structure which consists of eight helices when the heme group is inserting tight between two helices. The presence of Arg 38, Tyr 185, and 8-CH₃ group of the pyrrole (IV) provides an appropriate environment for aromatic substrates to bind effortlessly close to the heme group. These results demonstrated that the existence of a His amino acid leads to substrate alteration of a boost around 1.8 times. This explains the presence of increased prosperous enzyme under suicide-peroxide inhibition conditions.

Some amino acids (His, Tyr, and/or Cys) of HRP increase the activity of HRP, and these amino acids cover the peroxidase as opposed to the suicidal inhibition influence of peroxide. This strategy could be the perfect way to protect the peroxidase as oppose to suicidal inactivation influence of peroxide and could be used in the enzymatic assays and biotechnological applications of HRP. When looking for a natural and biocompatible compound, which has an enzymatic structure, amino acids could be the best choice. They are non-toxic and can be used with good preference as a valuable option for the known metallic, inorganic, and/or organic efficient stabilizers even in *in vivo* studies [72]. Another example of demonstrating the importance of amino acids in suicide enzyme inhibition is the biotin pathway. Biotin is a cofactor of enzymes which participate in a variety of metabolic procedures as well as carbon dioxide transformation in fatty acid biosynthesis, amino acid metabolism, and gluconeogenesis. The biotin pathway includes two main steps. Step 1: synthesis of pimeloyl-ACP. Bio F, bio A, bio D and bio B6 encode enzymes to start step 2 by converting first-step products (pimeloyl) to biotin, but sometimes operon *slr0355* (named bio U) can form instead of bio A. Bio U encodes a single-turnover suicide enzyme, and bio U uses its Lys124 residue as an internal amino donor to converts 8-amino-7-oxononanoate to DAN-carbamic [73].

Design of drugs as suicide enzyme inhibitors: advantages and disadvantages

Drugs are fundamental to the prevention and treatment of diseases, and ideal medications are very desirable [74]. The actions of large number of drugs are associated with enzyme inhibition. In the 1970s, the main efforts of researchers were in the design of the suicide inhibitor paths to establish highly

selective enzyme inhibitors as drugs. This cleared the way for undesirable reactions with other biomolecules. Because of their great specificity, inhibitors of this type ought to be a useful starting point in rational drug design [75]. The design of selective covalent inhibitors is theoretically tempting, but in practice tough to accomplish. This has something to do with the fact that it is hard to attain the appropriate harmony within reactivity and selectivity. This method prevents the direct use of a highly reactive specie, which could randomly react with different macromolecules [29].

The main attempt in suicide substrate design is to construct a higher reactive chemical variety than the typical reaction intermediate or covalently bound in the active site. The primary structural physiognomy of the designed inhibitors should increase the binding energy, and the reaction of the functional group selectivity for a given enzyme type should be the utmost intention. In addition, the intermediate must be as reactive to the covalently modified residue in the active site or coenzyme. A low partition ratio of the product molecule formed per enzyme molecule inactivated could be useful in identification of product molecules that can diffuse from the enzyme and harm other cellular constituents [76]. The potential of specific drugs is obvious, and investigation of suicide enzyme inhibition led the way to design many useful drugs [77]. Undeniably, inactivation and deficiency of the enzyme activity by its suicide substrate are the major limiting factor in such reactions. This finally leads to ending the reactions that require extra usage of fresh enzyme solution to complete the reaction.

Nowadays, suicide substrates have been used for inflammation-related diseases [25, 78], anti-parasitic agents [25, 34], cancer [22, 26, 79], bacterial infections, neoplastic diseases [21], antibiotic [41], biosensors preparations and biotechnological applications [72], HIV-1 cardiovascular disease, diabetes, viral infection, bacterial infection, anti-depressant drug, skin diseases [24], and neurodegenerative diseases [80]. Also, suicide enzyme inactivators are used for "reverse metabolomics" approach to trace back from a known substrate or its metabolite(s) to the protein catalyzing the bioconversion for the identification of enzymes and the genes encoding them [16]. There is a strong reason for using suicide enzyme inhibitors as highly specific clinical agents. These reagents are chemically inactive until altered specifically by the marked enzyme; thus, displeasing processes with foreign biomolecules are prevented [76]. The inadequacy of these inhibitors shows off because they are intrinsically reactive molecules. They may react with other active sites of the given enzyme or react with molecules exclusive of the target enzymes, especially *in vivo* inhibitors [9]. There is hope for tumor growth inhibition by specific enzyme inhibitors to find a better way to effectively mitigate tumor growth. Designing specific enzyme inhibitors needs extensive investigation. Thus, it is hard to find an enzyme

that is fundamental for a tumor cell but not for normal cells [81].

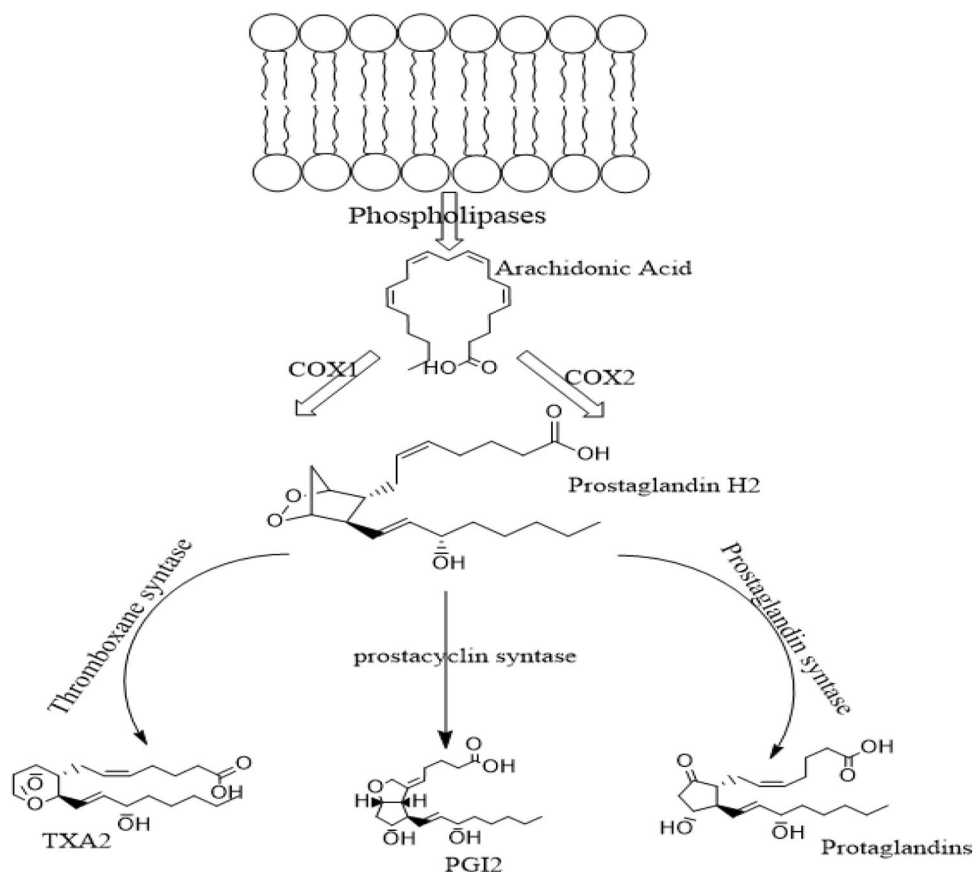
In 1982, Vane, Samuelsson, and Bergström were awarded the Nobel Prize for clarifying the aspirin's mechanism of action in 1971 [82, 83]. Aspirin is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, and its anti-inflammatory effects are a consequence of the inhibition of cyclooxygenases (COX)-1 and COX-2 enzymes [83]. Platelets are one of the most important components of natural hemostasis and a major participant in terms of their ability to adhere to damaged blood vessels and accumulate at injury sites [84]. Although the adhesion and activation of platelets as a physiologic response to repair, the sudden rupture of atherosclerotic plaque will accelerate its progress. Failure to control this process, through a series of ring amplifier homeostasis, can lead to the formation of thrombus in the intestine, transient vascular occlusion, and ischemia or infarction.

Obviously, platelets have a crucial part in natural hemostasis in the body and the pathogenesis of the atherothrombotic disease. Platelet pathological and physiologic functions cross the same road; thus, it is difficult to classify the remedial assistants from adverse effects [84]. Anti-platelet drugs participate in some steps of the activation process, including adhesion, secretion, accumulation, and have a considerable effect on the possibility of arterial thrombosis that could not

be sorted out from the higher possibility of bleeding. The purpose of anti-thrombotic treatment is to raise the effectiveness and lower the possibility of side effects. Thus, nowadays anti-platelet treatment is common for preventing acute thromboembolic artery blockage in cardiovascular disease [82]. This is due to increased platelet activity and inhibition of the release of platelet-derived vasoactive mediators, possibly due to endothelial dysfunction.

Despite advances in our understanding of platelet function, aspirin still remains a popular drug. Suicide inhibition of cyclooxygenase (COX)-1 and, as a consequence, inhibition of the prostaglandin H₂ generation (a precursor of thromboxane A₂) are the most important step as aspirin's mechanistic signature (Fig. 1). COX-1 and COX-2 catalyze the first reaction in prostanoid biosynthesis, which modifies arachidonic acid to PGH₂. PGH₂ is the precursor of PGD₂, PGE₂, PGF₂α, PGI₂, and TXA₂ [84]. COX-1 and COX-2 are homodimer enzymes with a molecular weight of approximately 72 kDa. The molecular mechanism of irreversible inhibition of COX by aspirin is associated with the closure of COX channel by acetylation of a strategically positioned serine residue [85] (see Fig. 2). This reaction prevents the substrate access to the catalytic site of the COX. Thus, aspirin irreversibly inhibits the pathway that makes prostaglandin H₂. TXA₂ gives raise to platelet aggregation and

Fig. 1 Arachidonic acid metabolic pathway [86], COX-1 cyclooxygenase 1, COX-2 cyclooxygenase 2, TXA₂ Thromboxane A₂, PGI₂ prostaglandin I₂



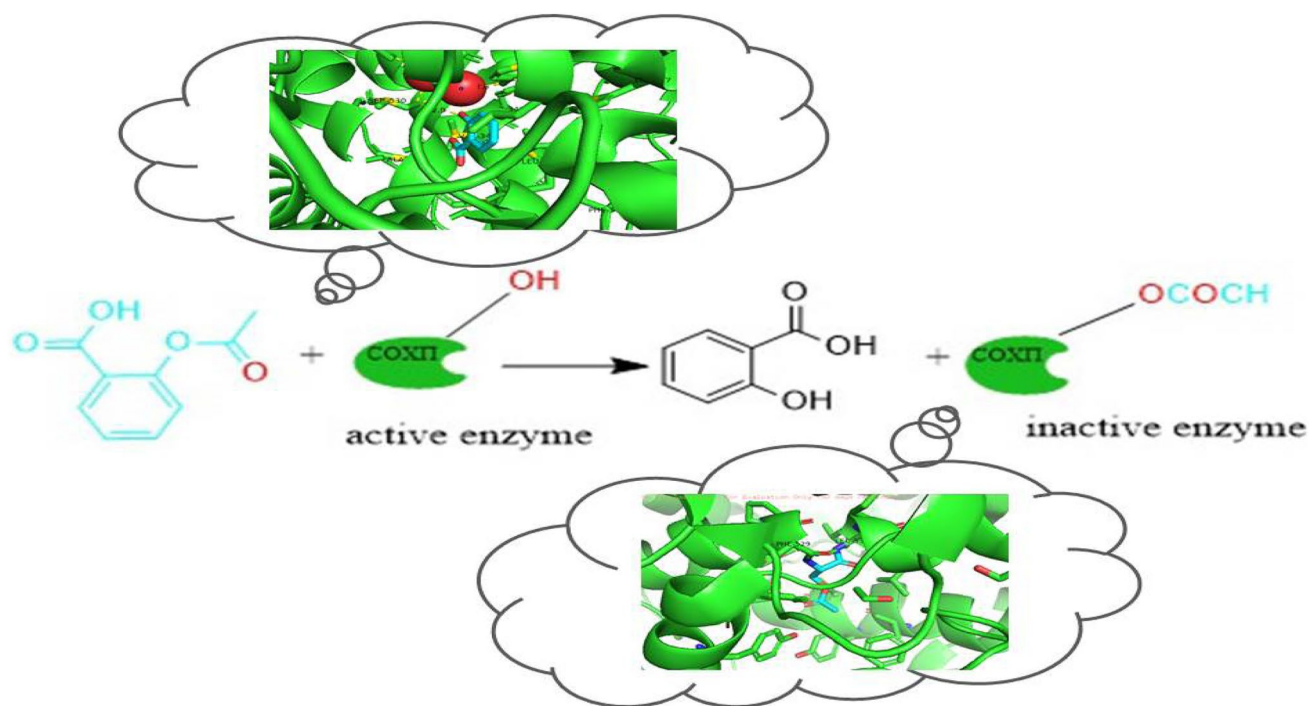


Fig. 2 Aspirin mechanism of action (acetylation) [85], COX-2 cyclooxygenases 2

vasoconstriction, whereas PGI₂ inhibits platelet aggregation and increase vasodilation (Fig. 1). Until today aspirin has been the fundamental anti-platelet therapy [86] (Table 2).

Suicide inhibition drug design for coronaviruses

The appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019- nCoV) caused many infections and fatalities. Coronaviruses have been known since 1947. Till now many anti-viral agents have been identified to inhibit SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) in vitro, but none of them have received FDA approval for the treatment of SARS [87]. However, the therapies are aimed concerning symptomatic alleviation [88]. Ongoing SARS studies revealed some inhibition approaches with micromolar to nanomolar activity [87]. Variable segments of the virus can be the target for inhibition such as 3CLP, PLP, RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp), and the 50–30 helicase, E protein (Orf4), M protein (Orf6), and N protein (Orf9) [89].

The nsp5 protease (aka 3C-like protease, 3CLpro), also known as the main proteinase (Mpro), plays an important role in replication of all coronaviruses; during 3CLpro cleavage action, the coronavirus polyprotein remains in 11 conserved sites in the central and C-proximal regions of the two polyproteins [90]. 3CLpro is a cysteine protease that owns a cysteine–histidine catalytic dyad at its active site and cleaves a Gln–(Ser/Ala/Gly) peptide bond [91]. The protease contains three domains, and the active site is located

between domains I and II [92]. An important role of Mpro in the coronavirus life cycle made it a desirable point to design anti-CoV drugs [93]. Kinetic, biophysical, and X-ray structural studies provided that SARS-CoV 3CLpro is only active in vitro as a tightly associated dimer, with a dimer dissociation constant (K_d) in the low nM range [38] Cys-His catalytic dyad is placed in a cleft enclosed by domains I and II. The N-terminal residues 1–7 of Mpro play a major part in the proteolytic activity. The C-terminal domain III is responsible for dimerization.

Additional studies have revealed critical inhibitors, N3, N27, and H16, with effective inhibition opposite to SARS-CoV Mpro. The inhibition is through preventing the activity of the Mpro over a standard Michael addition reaction. The standard suicide inhibitor label of Michael acceptor inhibitors (N3) comes from its irreversible interaction with the active site of the enzyme. Besides, noticeable structural flexibility in the inter-domain linker region cling to the idea that fixing the loop region into a definite conformation could arrange a new strategy to prevent the activity of CoV polyprotein [93, 94]. Also, Lee and coworkers reported that aza-peptide epoxides (APEs) have the attractive capability as inhibitors of SARS-CoV Mpro and are worthy of further evaluation in the development of lead compounds for anti-SARS agents [95]. The X-ray crystal structure of the SARS-CoV 3CLpro with the benzotriazole ester demonstrates that this class of active site cysteine is acylated by benzotriazole ester ligand and acts as a suicide inhibitor. Structural

Table 2 Mechanism-based drugs and their target (<https://go.drugbank.com>)

	Drug	Target	Condition	FDA approval	Year
1	Aspirin	Cyclooxygenases (COX)	Anti-inflammatory	Approved, vet approved	1899
2	Penicillin	DD-transpeptidase	Bacterial infections	Approved	1928
3	Secobarbital	Liver P-450 nmnooxy-genase	Insomnia	Approved, vet approved	1934
4	Cannabidiol	Cytochrome P450 1B1	Disseminated sclerosis severe pain	Approved, investigational	1940
5	H ₂ O ₂	Horseradish peroxidase	Ear infection bacterial seborrheic keratosis (SK) excess ear wax superficial skin infections	Approved, vet approved	1940s
6	Disulfiram	Acetaldehyde dehydrogenase, mitochondrial	Chronic alcoholism	Approved	1950
7	Placidyl	Liver P-450 monoxy-genase	Insomnia	Approved, illicit, withdrawn	1950s
8	Tranylcypromine	Monoamine oxidase	Depression	Approved, investigational	1952
9	Erythromycin	CYP3A4 inhibitor drug	Bacterial Infections	Approved, investigational, vet approved	1952
10	D-Cycloserine	Alanine racemase	Refractory tuberculosis refractory urinary tract infection	Approved	1954
11	Fluorouracil	Thymidylate synthase	Breast cancer	Approved	1957
12	Norethisterone	cytochrome P-450	Contraception hormone replacement therapy oral contraceptives	Approved	1957
13	Exemestane	Cytochrome P450 19A1, aromatase	Breast cancer	Approved, investigational	1960
14	Selegiline	B monoamine oxidase	Parkinson's disease	Approved, investigational, vet approved	1962
15	Pargyline	Amine oxidase [flavin-containing] B	Severe hypertension	Approved	1963
16	Allopurinol	Xanthine dehydrogenase/oxidase	Anti-gout drug	Approved	1966
17	Rasagiline	Amine oxidase [flavin-containing] B	Parkinson's disease (PD)	Approved	1970s
18	Gabaculine	Glutamate-1-semialdehyde 2,1-aminomutase	Experimental	Experimental	1970s
19	Clavulanic acid	Bacterial beta-lactamase enzymes	Bacterial infections	Approved, vet approved	1974
20	Acyclovir	Viral DNA polymerase inhibitor drug	Herpes simplex infection	Approved	1974
21	Propylthiouracil	Thyroid peroxidase	Hypertthyroidism	Approved, investigational	1974

Table 2 (continued)

Drug	Target	Condition	FDA approval	Year	
22	Omeprazole	Potassium-transporting ATPase alpha chain 1	Gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD)	Approved, investigational, vet approved	1980
23	Trifluridine	Thymidylate synthase	Herpes infection	Approved, investigational	1980
24	Eflornithine	ornithine decarboxylase inhibitor drug	Hair removal therapy, sleeping sickness	Approved, withdrawn	1980s
25	Atorvastatin	3-HYDROXY-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A reductase	Cardiovascular disease (CVD) Coronary artery disease (CAD) Coronary artery thrombosis	Approved	1986
26	Pimagedine	Nitric oxide synthase, inducible	Treatment in diabetic kidney disease	Investigational	1986
27	AZT (zidovudine)	HIV-1 reverse transcriptase	HIV Infections	Approved	1987
28	Vigabatrin	4-Aminobutyrate aminotransferase, mitochondrial	Infantile spasms (IS) Refractory complex partial seizures	Approved	1989
29	Danazol	P-450 monooxygenase	Cytochrome P450 19A1	Approved	1996
30	Hydralazine	Membrane primary amine oxidase	Severe hypertension	Approved	1997
31	Norethindrone	Progesterone receptor	Endometriosis-related pain	Approved	1998
32	Spirolactone	Voltage-dependent calcium channel (protein group)	High blood pressure (hypertension)	Approved	2001
33	Neratinib	Epidermal growth factor receptor	Breast cancer	Approved, investigational	2017

similarity between SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV 3CLpro causes the possibility that 3CLpro inhibitors like CE-5 will be cross-reactive and have inhibitory characteristics facing MERS-CoV 3CLpro [96]. The heteroaromatic ester 119 was also identified as a potent inhibitor of the SARS coronaviruses. The 5-chloropyridine moiety in compound 119 plays a major role as opposed to SARS-CoV 3CLpro [87]. For viral infection treatment, it should be taken into the consideration that the capability of viruses to promptly evolve and slip away the treatments through multiple and diverse mechanisms of resistance are a great challenge for drug design [97].

Commercial applications

Enzymes are biocatalysts and their widespread usage on an industrial scale varies from easy reaction conditions to their exceptional product selectivity [98]. Enzyme catalysis benefits have been used in the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, detergent, and biofuel industries for many years. In recent years, biotechnology scientists are taking steps to utilize the advantage of enzyme catalyst in new industries such as fossil fuel conversion and fine chemical production. In industrial-scale chemical production, the advantages of biocatalysis are often versatile because biocatalysts are economical and environmentally safe [99].

Hence, when an enzyme is used to achieve the desired effect, it must be under control to prevent the formation of other unwanted products [98]. One of the methods used in industry to combat the harmful effects of enzymes is the use of enzyme inhibitors. Through to enzyme importance in

the market (Fig. 3), it makes enzyme inhibitors very critical substances in the industry. Enzyme inhibitors still are the most common way to discover the pathways of enzymatic reactions. Different kinds of biochemical inhibitors like poisons have been engaged by scientist toward determining the active involvement of microbes in chemical reactions occurring in natural samples. Specific inhibitors provide powerful experimental tools for commercial applications in agriculture and industry. Endeavor to develop pesticides and microbial inhibitors for commercial applications introduced several routinely used specific inhibitors. Selective inhibition is not a new approach, however. Selective physical treatments like heating have been used but to reach the utmost specificity chemical inhibitors become more interesting.

The use of inhibitors in the industry has a broad spectrum that it would be impossible to document all those applications [98]. It is not the intent of this review to establish an exhaustive listing of all types of industrial inhibitors. Instead, here we have primarily emphasized suicide inhibitors used for industrial ambitions. Post-harvest browning is a common phenomenon in crops such as mushrooms, which reduces the commercial value of crops [100]. The complete path of pigment production is shown in Fig. 4. The most important step in this pathway is the reaction in which tyrosine becomes dopaquinone (Fig. 4); this reaction is catalyzed by tyrosinase. Hyperpigmentation in human skin and enzymatic browning in fruit is not a desirable process. This occurrence has opened a new door to competition in foods and cosmetics industry to find the right inhibitor for tyrosinase. Plenty of tyrosinase inhibitors have been detected from both natural

Fig. 3 Global enzyme markets (data in millions) [99]



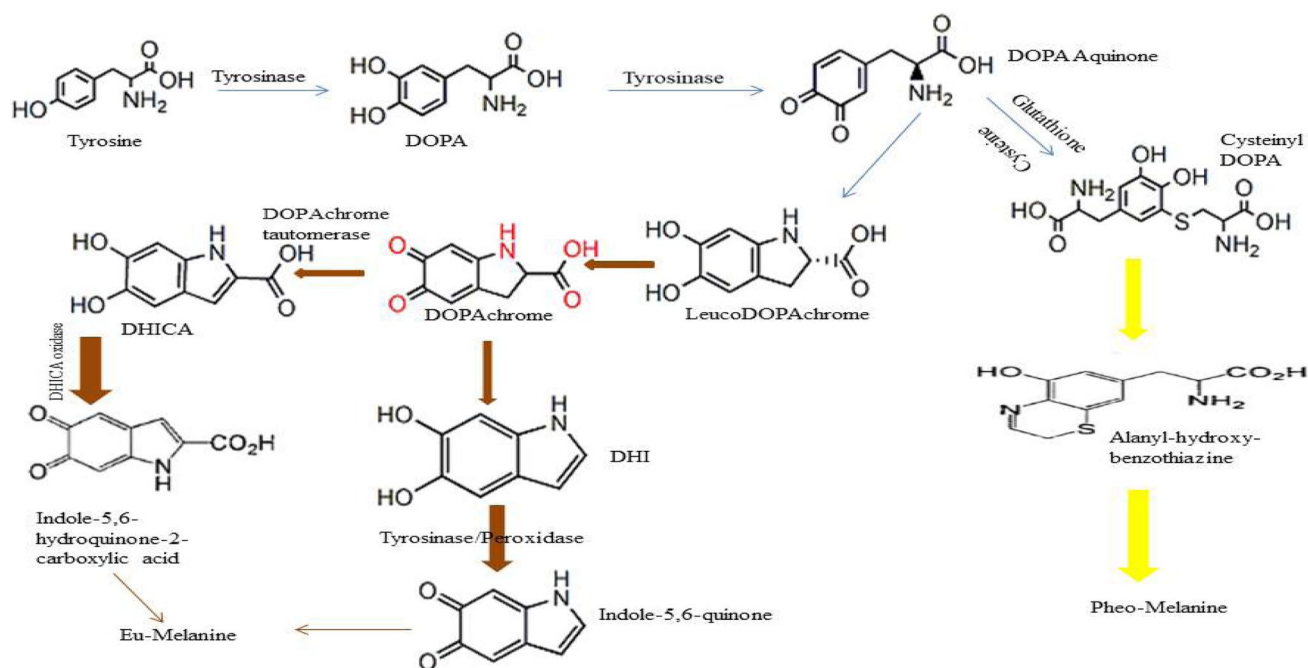


Fig. 4 Biosynthetic pathway of melanin. DOPA, 3, 4 dihydroxyphenylalanine; DHICA, 5, 6-dihydroxyindole-2-carboxylic acid; DHI, 5,6-dihydroxyindole [103]

and artificial sources, but naturally occurring tyrosinase inhibitors is of great industrial interest [101, 102]. Fungi tyrosinase enzyme activity could be inhibited by resveratrol (3,5,40-trihydroxytrans-stilbene, 9), resveratrol act as a suicide inhibitor for fungi tyrosinase enzyme, and this inhibition blocks tyrosinase to catalyze tyrosine to dopaquinone [100]. Also, there are other suicide substrates for tyrosinase, some of which are mentioned in Table 1.

Lafutidine is known as a histamine H2 receptor antagonist drug. In lafutidine manufacturing, there was 1.5–2% impurity, the main part of this impurity consists of dihydro lafutidine. Using 1-hexene as a suicide substrate to inhibit the formation of dihydro lafutidine in the synthesis of lafutidine decreased the impurity from 1.5% to less than 0.05%, demonstrating the effectiveness of suicide substrates for reducing the formation of the relevant byproducts in drug production [104].

Suicide substrates have also been used in protein production. A popular strategy for screening clones with the favored gene is to use media components that are suicide substrates by enzymatic turnover of the knockout target [105]. This toxin ensures that only organisms that have knockout of targeted gene survive because they are not able to produce a suicide substrate product. Fluorouracil is one of the most commonly used compounds [106]. Similarly, suicide substrates are used to isolate protease-resistant mutations to improve heterogeneous protein production [107].

Improvement in nanobiocatalyst design along with their suicide inhibition

Some peroxidase-like nano artificial enzymes are designed to diminish or put an end to the suicide inhibition in peroxidative reactions, such as vesicular mixed gemin–SDS–hemin–imidazole complex and microperoxidase-11/NH₂-FSM16. Vesicular mixed gemin–SDS–hemin–imidazole complex did not exhibit suicide inactivation except at high concentrations of hydrogen peroxide because vesicle hydrophobic pocket productively covered the active site, which regulates the concentration of hydrogen peroxide at the heme moiety and enabling high rates of enzymatic turnover [108]. As mentioned before, in MP-11 heme group is exposed to the solvent, which leads to suicide-peroxide inactivation. Thus, in microperoxidase-11/NH₂-FSM16 heterogenization of a biocatalyst through covalent immobilization in a folded sheet nanostructure with a protective effect of the engineered nanopores provides a potent peroxide-resistant peroxidase [109]. To improve catalytic efficiency of HRP in the presence of H₂O₂, caseoperoxidase (mixed β-casein–SDS–hemin–imidazole complex) has been designed, which is HRP-like enzyme consists of Camel β-casein–SDS. Caseoperoxidase protects HRP's active sites by one main electrostatic and four minor non-electrostatic (hydrophobic) sites of β-casein [110]. To determine the protective effect of camel β-casein, heme–imidazole–SDS

nanobiocatalyst was designed and compared with caseo-proxidase through the suicide parameters [111].

Conclusion

This study was performed to investigate in detail the information available on suicide inhibition. One of the most important of this study is to find a large number of enzymes that inhibit in a specific active site that play a role in recognizing of some diseases, including cancer and understanding the foresight of such diseases. It is important to advance the knowledge and understanding of suicide control in order to determine strategies for controlling enzyme activity in various programs.

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