ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE ON ENZYME SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY 14-20 April 2025



INTRODUCTION TO ENZYMES

a. General Properties of Enzymes:

- i. Definition, characteristics, and biological importance.
- b. Enzyme Nomenclature and Classification:
 - i. IUBMB system of enzyme classification (EC numbers).
 - ii. Examples of each class (oxidoreductases, transferases, hydrolases, etc.).

ENZYME SPECIFICITY AND CATALYTIC MECHANISMS

a. Enzyme Specificity:

i. Lock-and-key model vs. induced-fit model.

b. Catalytic Mechanisms:

- i. Acid-base catalysis (e.g., chymotrypsin).
- ii. Covalent catalysis (e.g., serine proteases).
- iii. Transition metal catalysis (e.g., carbonic anhydrase).

c. Role of Cofactors and Coenzymes:

i. Examples: NAD⁺, FAD, metal ions (Zn²⁺, Mg²⁺).

ENZYME KINETICS

a. Michaelis-Menten Kinetics:

- i. Derivation of the Michaelis-Menten equation.
- ii. Significance of Km and Vmax.
- b. Briggs-Haldane Steady-State Assumption:
 - i. Comparison with the equilibrium assumption.

c. Determination of Km and Vmax:

- i. Lineweaver-Burk plot.
- ii. Eadie-Hofstee plot.
- iii. Hanes plot.

ENZYME INHIBITION

a. Types of Enzyme Inhibition:

- i. Competitive inhibition (e.g., statins inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase).
- ii. Uncompetitive inhibition.
- iii. Non-competitive inhibition.
- iv. Mixed inhibition.

b. Kinetics of Inhibition:

- i. Effect on Km and Vmax.
- ii. Graphical analysis using Lineweaver-Burk plots.

MULTI-SUBSTRATE ENZYMATIC REACTIONS

a. Types of Multi-Substrate Reactions:

- i. Sequential reactions (ordered vs. random).
- ii. Ping-pong (double-displacement) reactions.
- b. Steady-State Kinetics:
 - i. General rate equation of Alberty.

c. Kinetics in the Presence of Inhibitors:

i. How inhibitors affect multi-substrate reactions.