

Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Cofactors

References: Two key reviews: Protein Dynamics in Enzyme Catalysis, S.J. Benkovic, *The Chemical Record* 2, 24-36 (2002)

Two other papers on Dihydrofolate Reductase (DHFR) are Fierke et al, *Biochemistry* 1987, 26, 4085-92. This paper describes the steady state and pre-steady state kinetics and the entire reaction coordinate of this protein. Kraut et al, *Biochemistry*, 1997, 36, 586-603 This paper describes the results from 100 crystal structures.

Review: Expanding the Genetic Code *Chem Comm* January 1-11 (2002). Gives an excellent overview of the development of the technology that will in the not too distant future allow us to put unnatural amino acids into any protein in vivo.

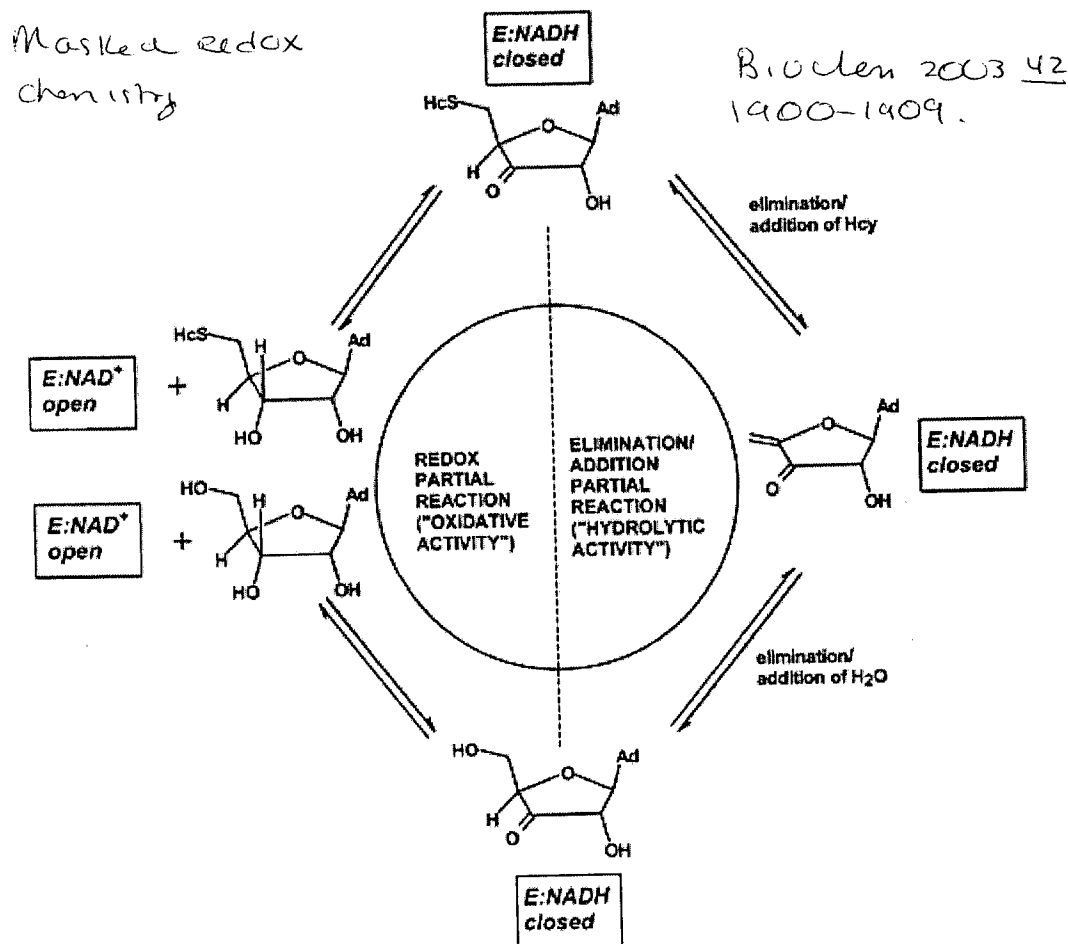
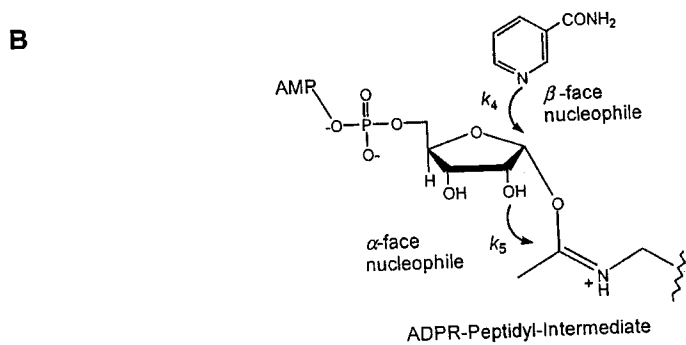
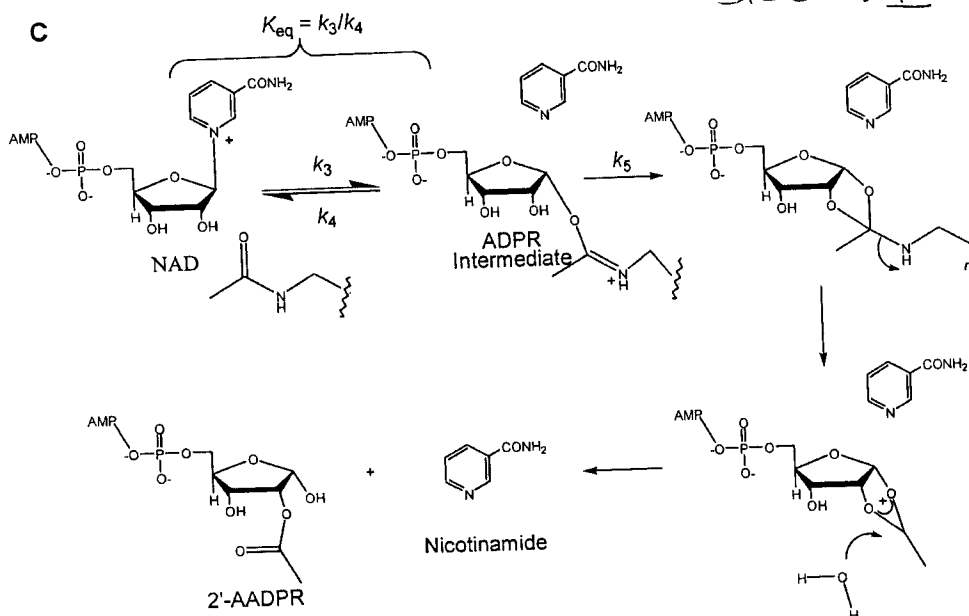


Figure 1 The catalytic cycle of AdoHcy hydrolase resolves into two partial reactions: a *redox partial reaction* occurring at the beginning and end of the cycle and thus spanning an *elimination/addition partial reaction*, which effects the fission/formation of the C-5'-S bond and the formation/fission of the C-5'-O bond. The free enzyme is in the NAD⁺ form and possesses an *open structure* in which the C-5'-O bond. The free enzyme is in the NAD⁺ form and possesses an *open structure* in which the substrate-binding and cofactor-binding domains are in relative motion. After binding of free substrate and oxidation, the enzyme is in the NADH form and possesses a *closed structure* in which the two domains are closed against each other to isolate the active site from the external environment.

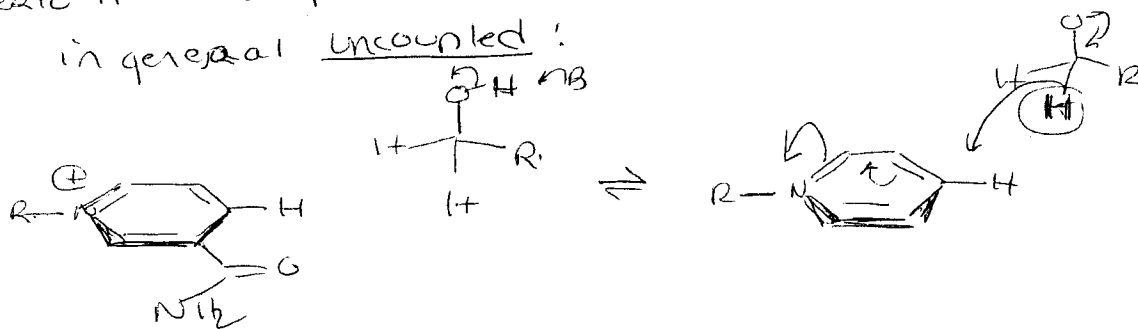


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* Abbreviated reaction scheme for Sir2 deacetylation reactions. The competitive nucleophilic attacks on the Sir2 ADPR-peptidyl intermediate occur from both stereochemical faces (A and B). The top face of the ribosyl ring is designated β , and nicotinamide nucleophilic attack at C1' leads to re-formation of β -NAD⁺. The bottom face of the sugar is designated α , and the hydroxyl group attacks the α -amidate group from the same face to generate deacetylation products. The rate constants for the two competing nucleophilic attacks are shown as k_4 for exchange and k_5 for deacetylation (B). Reactions of Sir2 intermediates at saturating nicotinamide concentrations are shown with binding steps omitted (C).

Proposed Novel Mechanism for Histone Deacetylase
 Generic H⁻ transfer Mechanism: (↓) H⁻ and H⁺ transfer
 are in general uncoupled: (↑)

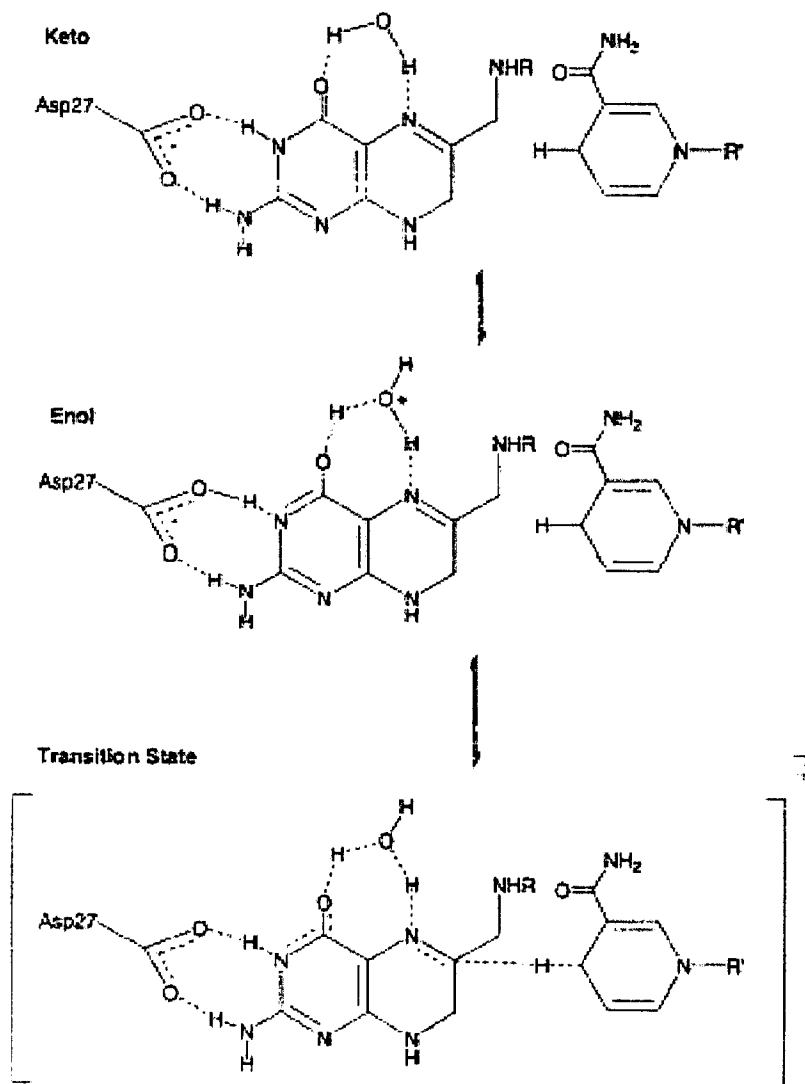


NOTE: H⁻ is transferred directly. If labeled with ³H, Never see a label in H₂O. Hallmark of H⁻ Transfer Rxns.

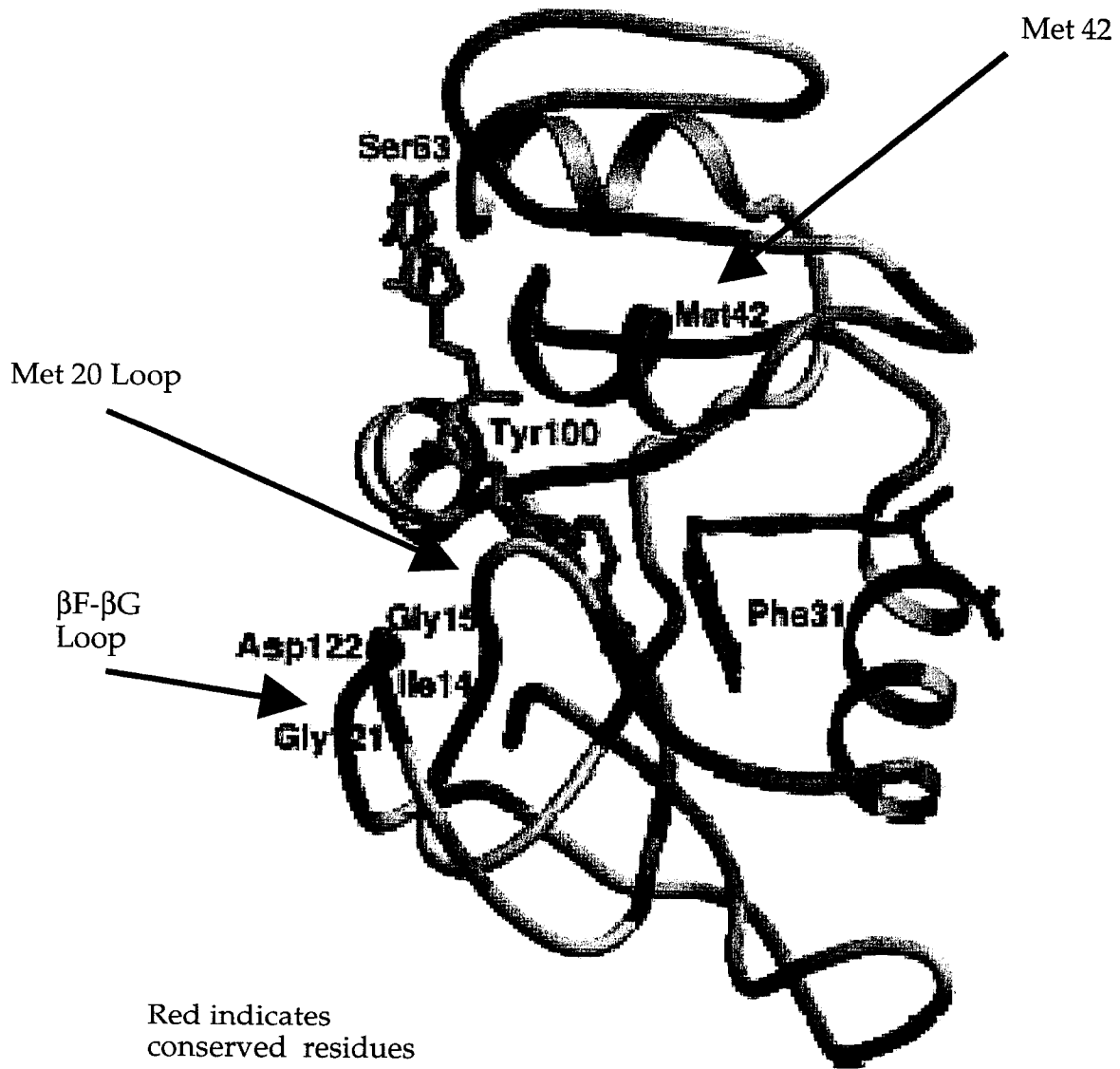
Dihydrofolate Reductase (DHFR)

The Proposed Mechanism-

The mechanism shown below is based on ketone-enol tautomerization driven by the dielectric constant of the active site. This is proposed to raise the pKa of Asp27 to 6.5, however the enzyme is very pH sensitive and this proposed pKa is controversial. The mechanism also depends on a structurally conserved water in the active site.

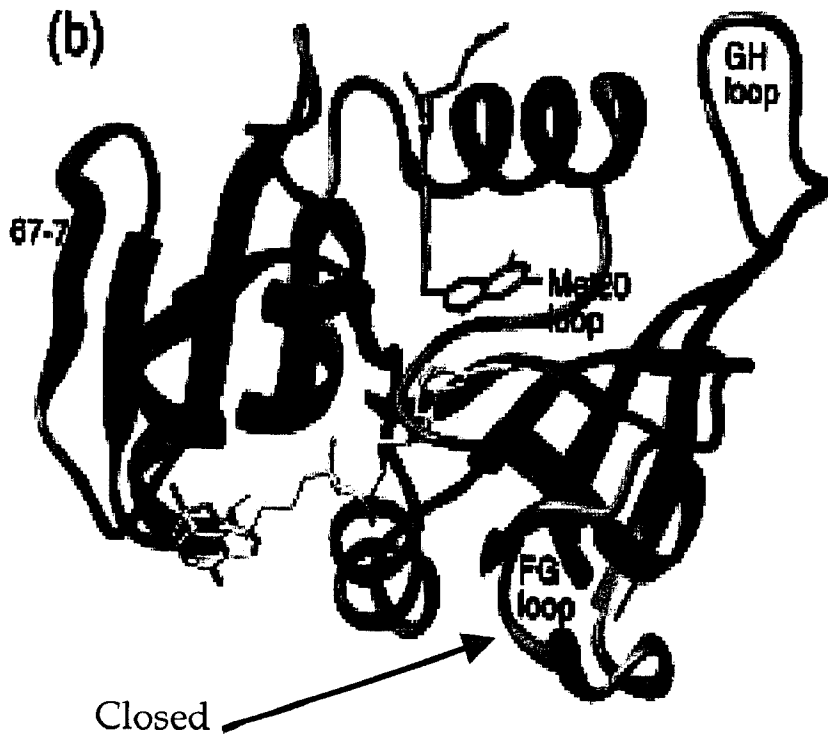
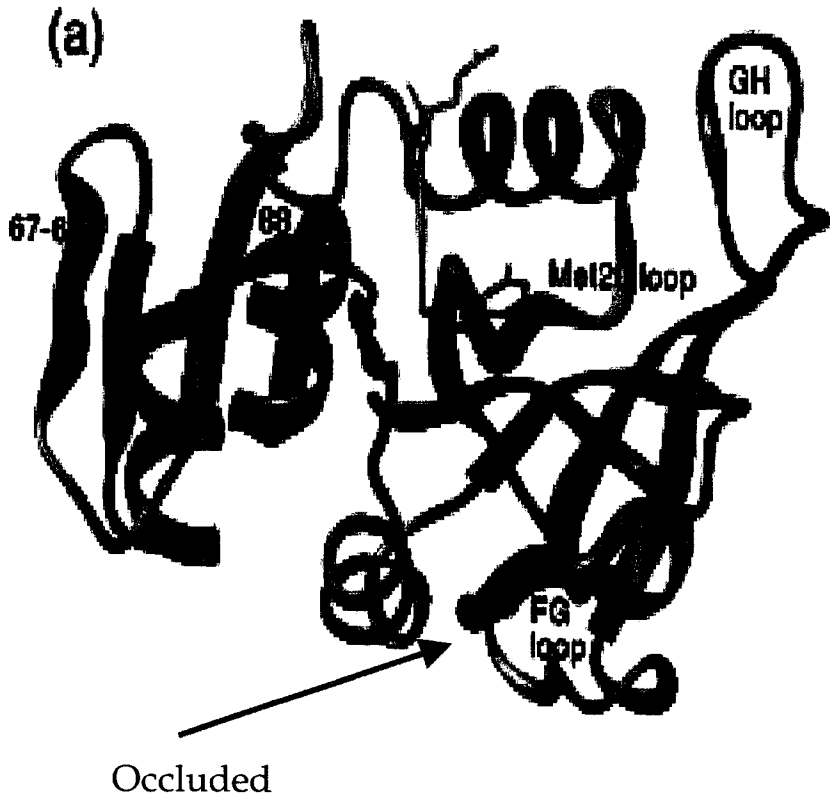


The Topology of DHFR

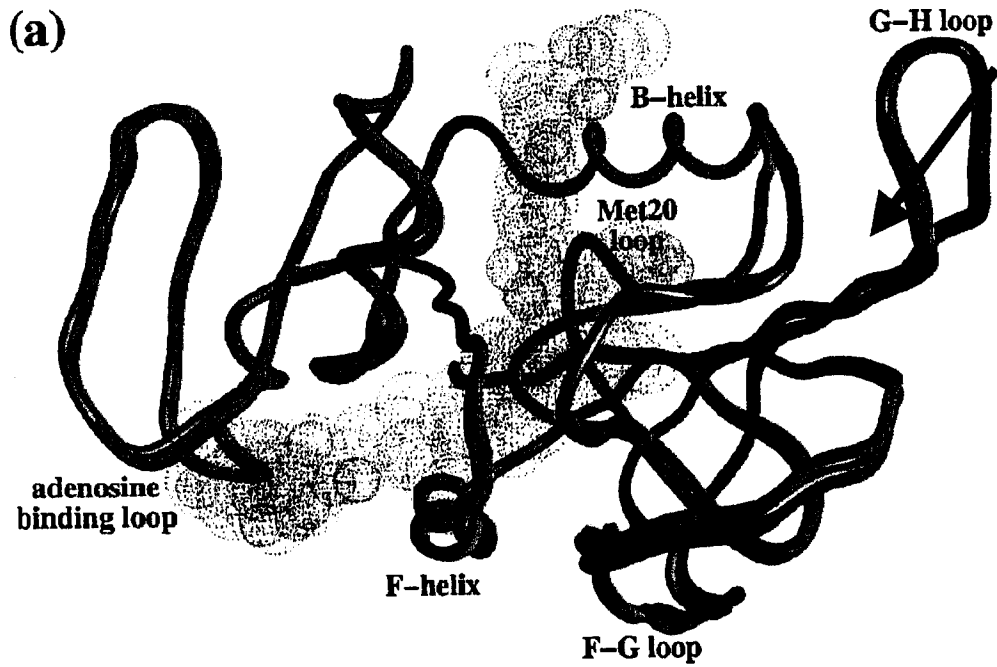


Amide NH of G15 and E17 located in the Met20 loop form hydrogen bonds with D122 of the β F- β G loop. This loop interaction actively controls NADPH affinity and hydride transfer rate.

Models for fast motions in DHFR



What has been learned from the many structures of DHFR



X-ray data from many structures and from different space groups were compared and 3 enzyme states were defined.

- 1) Open – Black ribbon, no substrate bound
- 2) Closed – green ribbon, Michaelis complex
- 3) Occluded – red ribbon, products or THF only complex

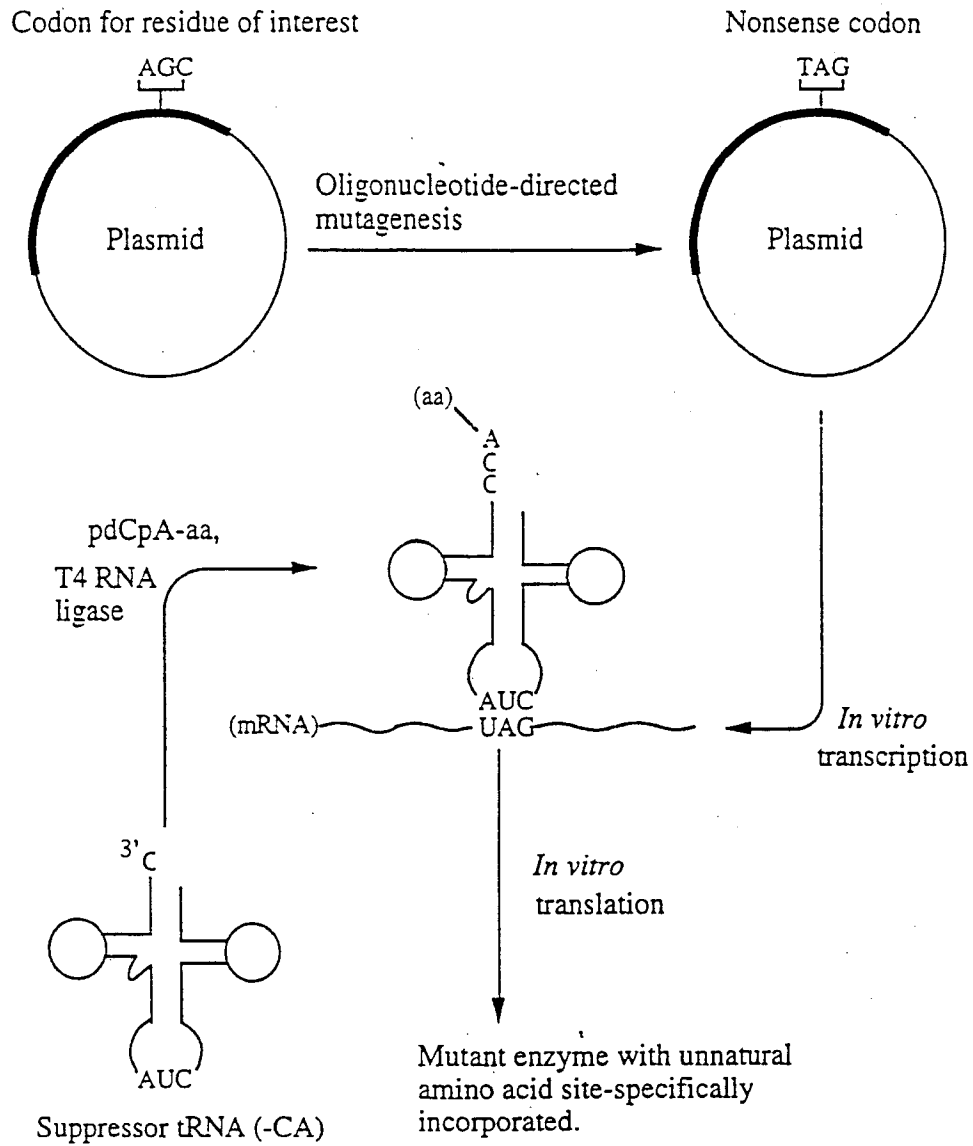
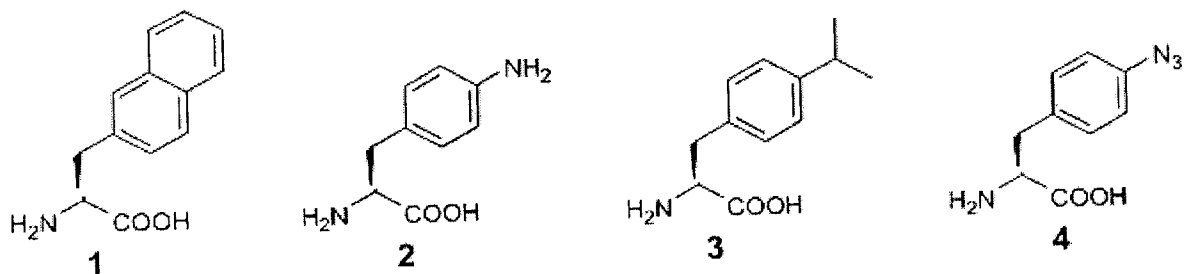


Figure 1.1 A new methodology for the site-specific incorporation of unnatural amino acids into proteins.



some of available unnatural aa
in vitro.

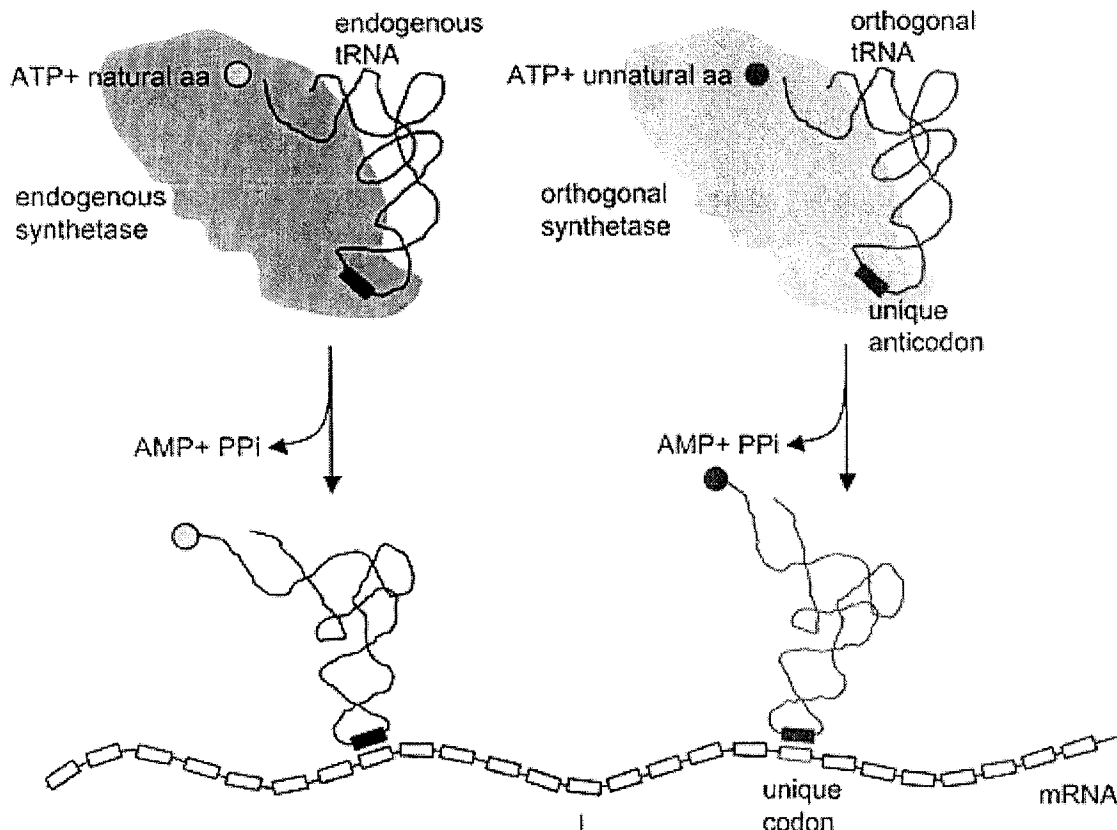


Fig. 1 A general approach for the site-specific incorporation of unnatural amino acids into proteins *in vivo*. The orthogonal aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase acylates the orthogonal tRNA with an unnatural amino acid. The acylated orthogonal tRNA inserts the unnatural amino acid at the position specified by

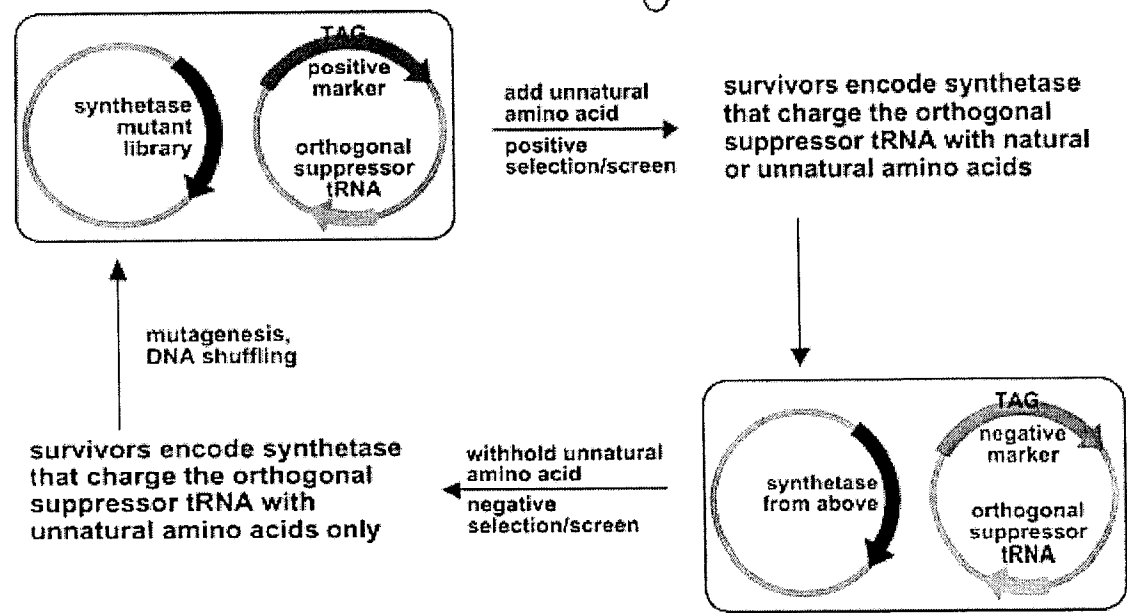
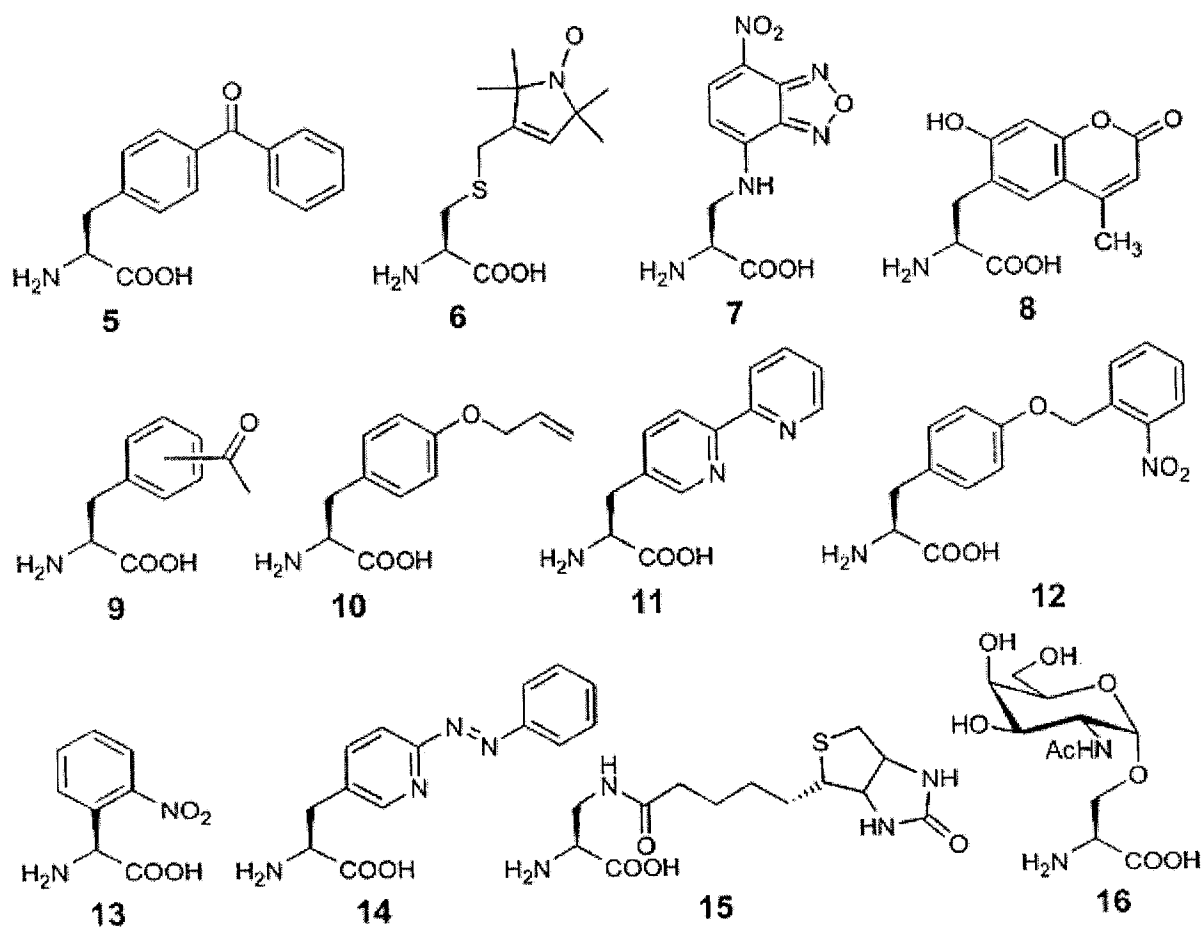


Fig. 2 Schematic illustration of the general selection/screen for aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases with unnatural amino acid



Scheme 3 Structures of unnatural amino acids discussed in the text.

Flavin References:

Flavins have been divided into four families based on structure and sequence homology of short motifs: *Protein Science* 2001, 1712-1728.

Mechanism of amino acid oxidases and a good overview of flavin chemistry: *The Chemical Record* 1 183-194 (2001)

Old Review articles that are excellent as the chemical possibilities have been worked out from model studies many years ago:
Accounts of Chemical Research (1980) 13, 256-262 (Walsh) and 13, 148-155 (Bruice); *J. Biol Chem* 269, 2249-2262 (1994).

Structure: Planning Diagrams for Four Classes of FAD-Proteins

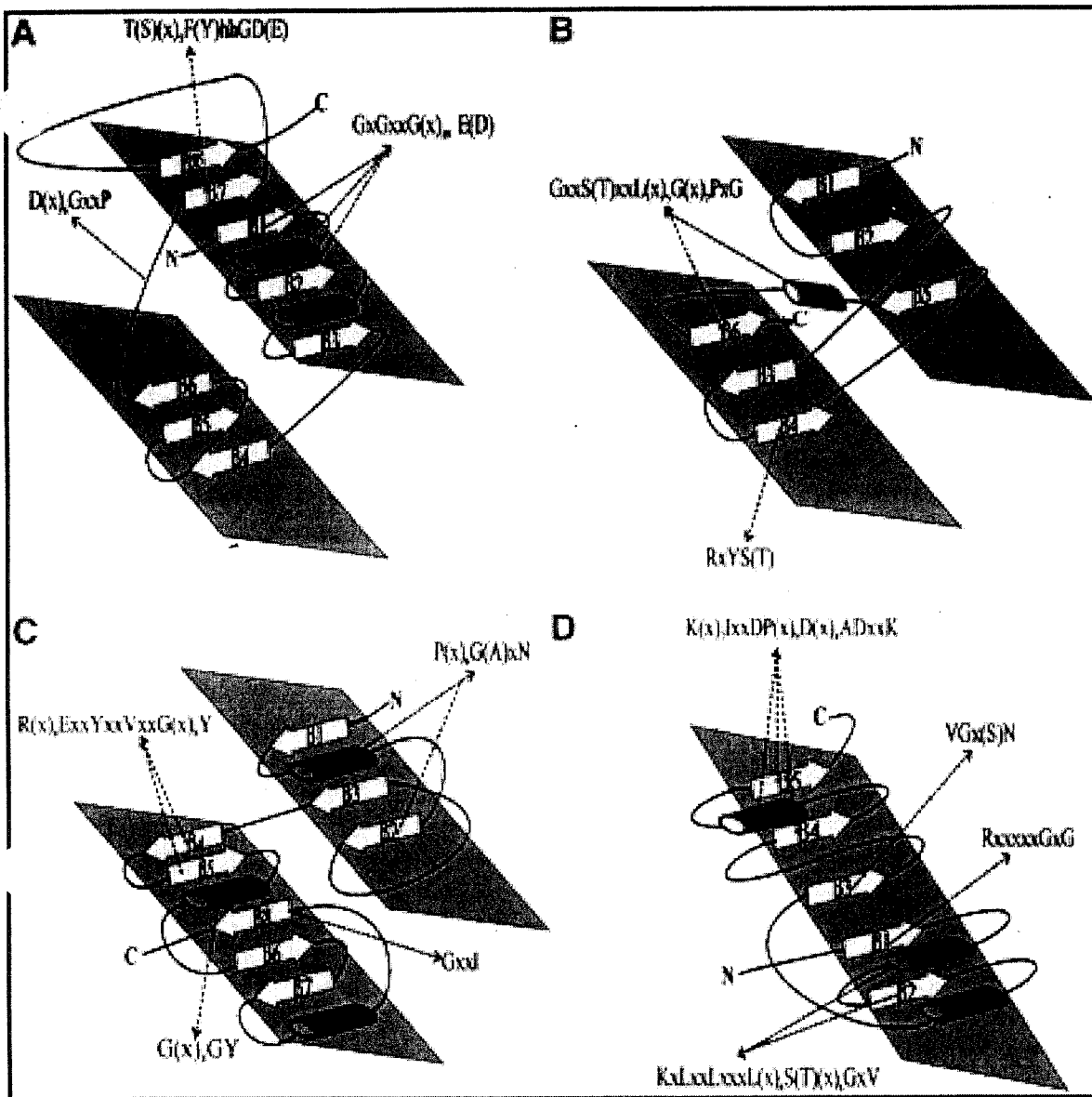


Fig. 3. Topological diagram of FAD-binding domain of the four FAD-family folds. (A) Rossmann fold ($\beta_1\alpha_1\beta_2\alpha_2\beta_3$) adopted by the glutathione reductase (GR) family members. For a full description of this fold, it must be noted that there are two subfamilies, GR₁ and GR₂ (see text), and that there are exceptions to the generalizations described here. For example, D-amino acid oxidase of the GR₂ subfamily is an exception to the rule that the FAD-binding fold in the GR family contains a 3-strand β -meander connecting β_3 and β_4 ; instead, it has a crossover α -helix. (B) Ferredoxin reductase (FR) family fold adopting a cylindrical β -domain organized into two orthogonal sheets, $\beta_1\beta_2\beta_5$ and $\beta_3\beta_4\beta_6$. (C) The *p*-cresol methylhydroxylase (PCMH) family fold consists of two $\alpha + \beta$ subdomains; one is composed of three parallel β -strands (β_{1-3}) and the second contains five antiparallel β -strands (β_{4-8}) surrounded by α -helices. (D) The pyruvate oxidase (PO) family fold consists of five parallel β -strands (β_{1-5}) interspersed by α -helices similar to the double Rossmann fold found in dehydrogenases. Cylinders represent α -helices and arrows denote β -strands. The location, indicated by dashed lines, of the conserved sequence motifs in each of the FAD-family folds is listed in Table

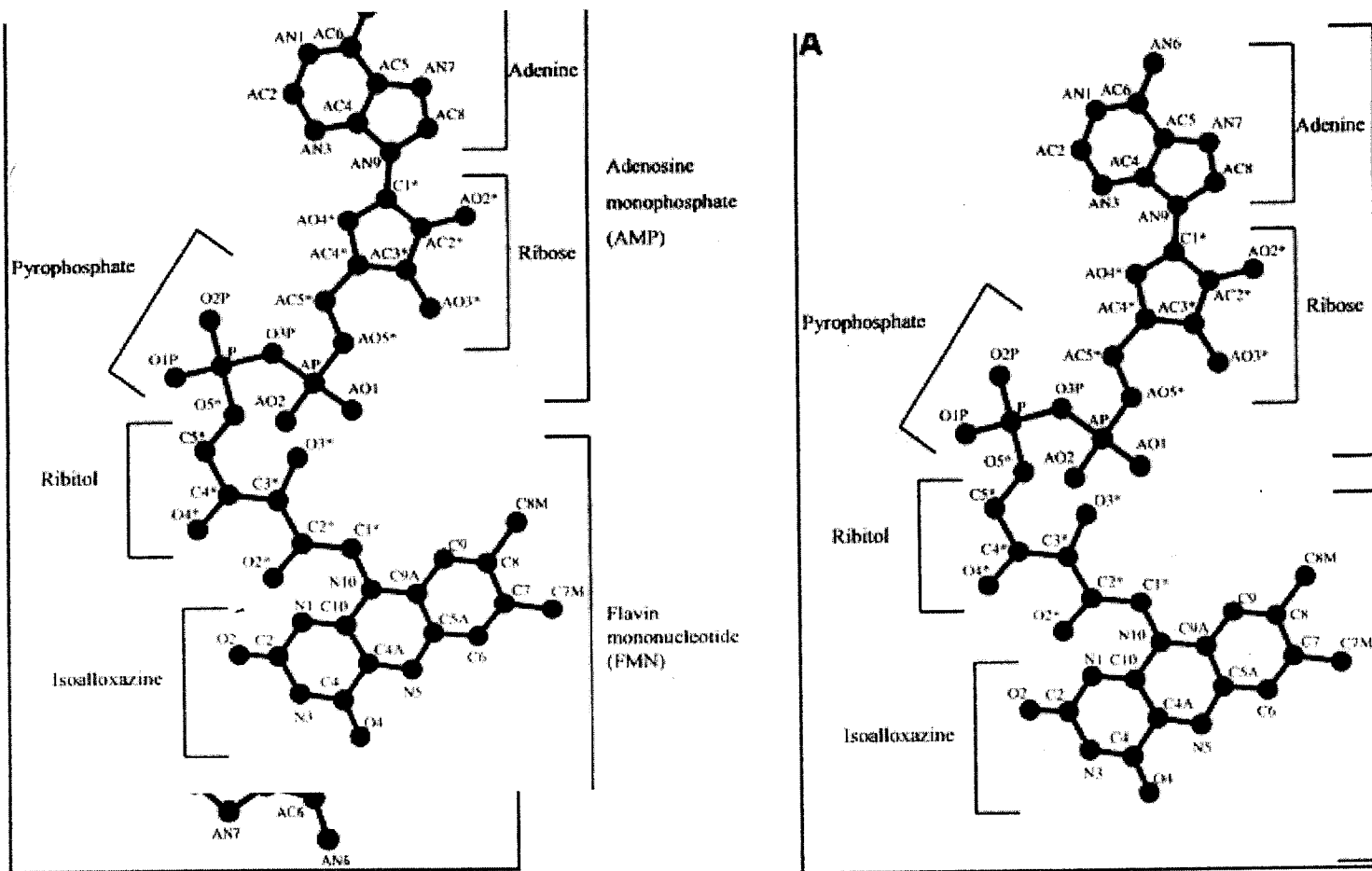
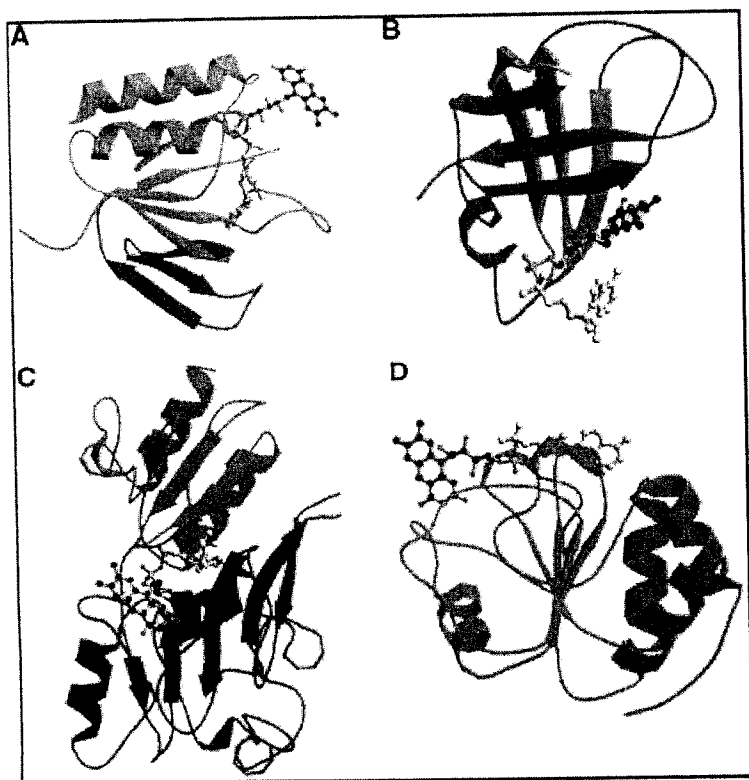
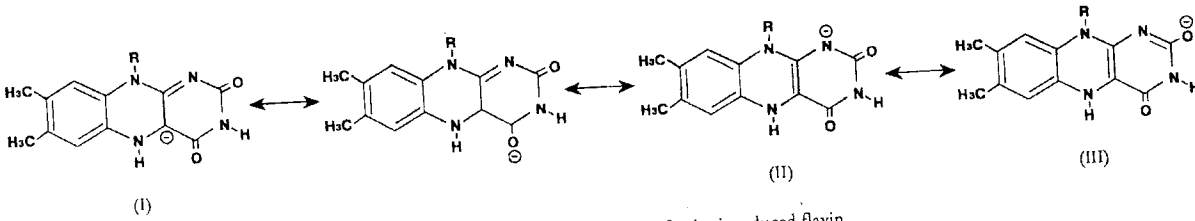
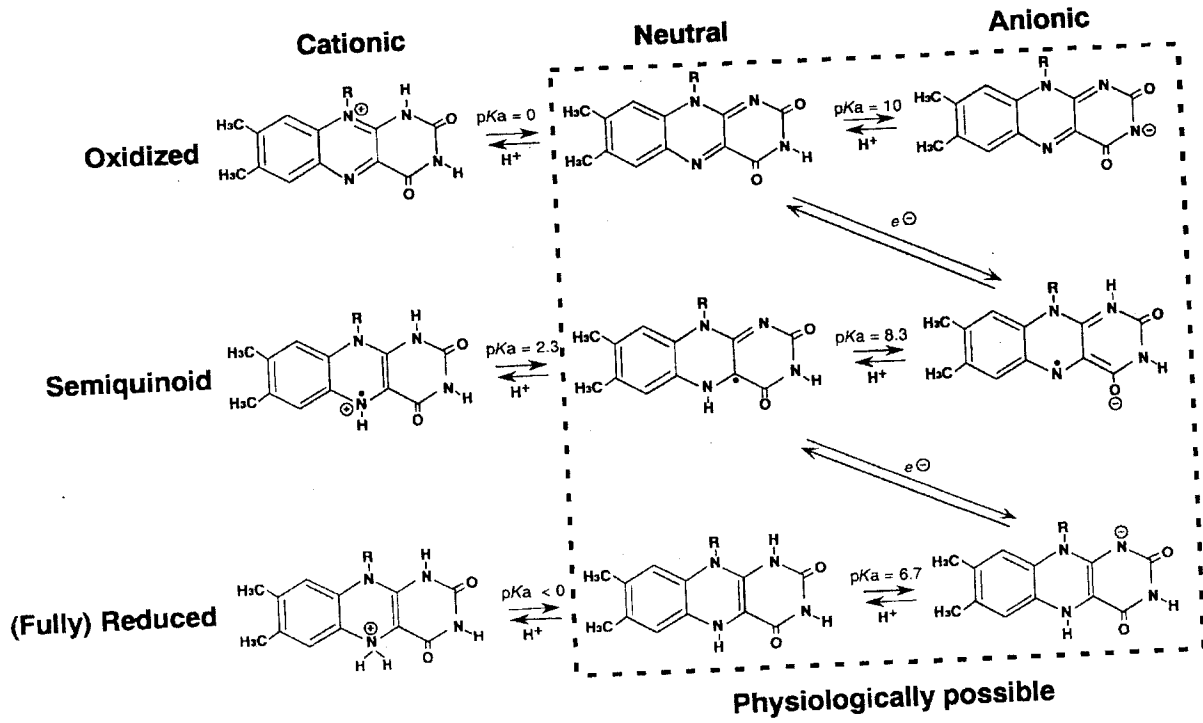


Fig. 2. The FAD cofactor conformations. (A) An elongated conformation where the adenine ring is distal from the isoalloxazine ring. The division between the component parts FMN and AMP composing the FAD is shown. The AMP is composed of an adenine ring connected to a ribose that is connected to a phosphate group. The FMN moiety is composed of the isoalloxazine-flavin ring connected to a ribitol, which is connected to a phosphate group. (B) Bent conformation where the AMP portion is folded back, placing the adenine and isoalloxazine rings in close proximity. Variation in the proximity of the two rings determines the degree of cofactor flexibility. All atoms composing the FAD cofactor are labeled.



Actual Structures: FAD can be in FADs
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- A. Glutathione reductase family
- B. Ferredoxin reductase family
- C. p-Cresol Methyl hydroxylase
- D. Pyruvate Oxidase



Scheme 4. Resonance hybridization of anionic reduced flavin.

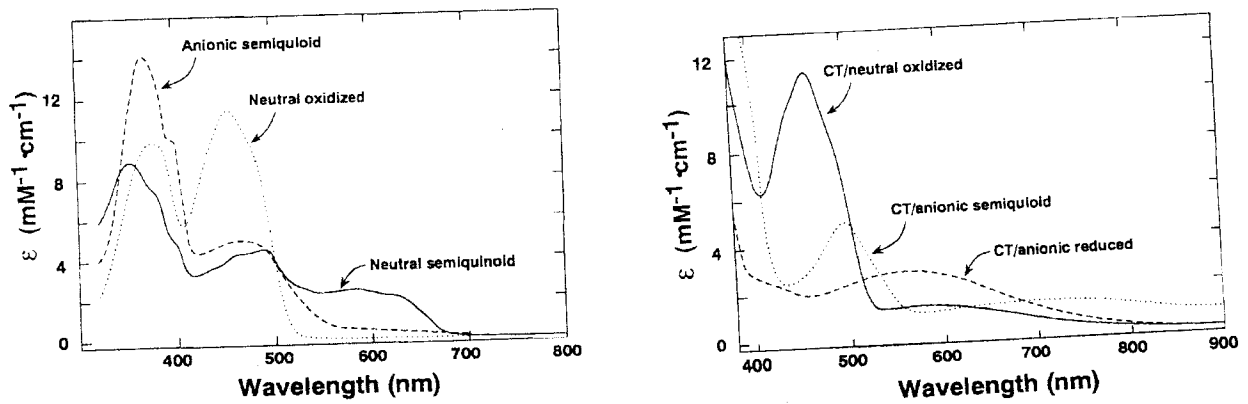


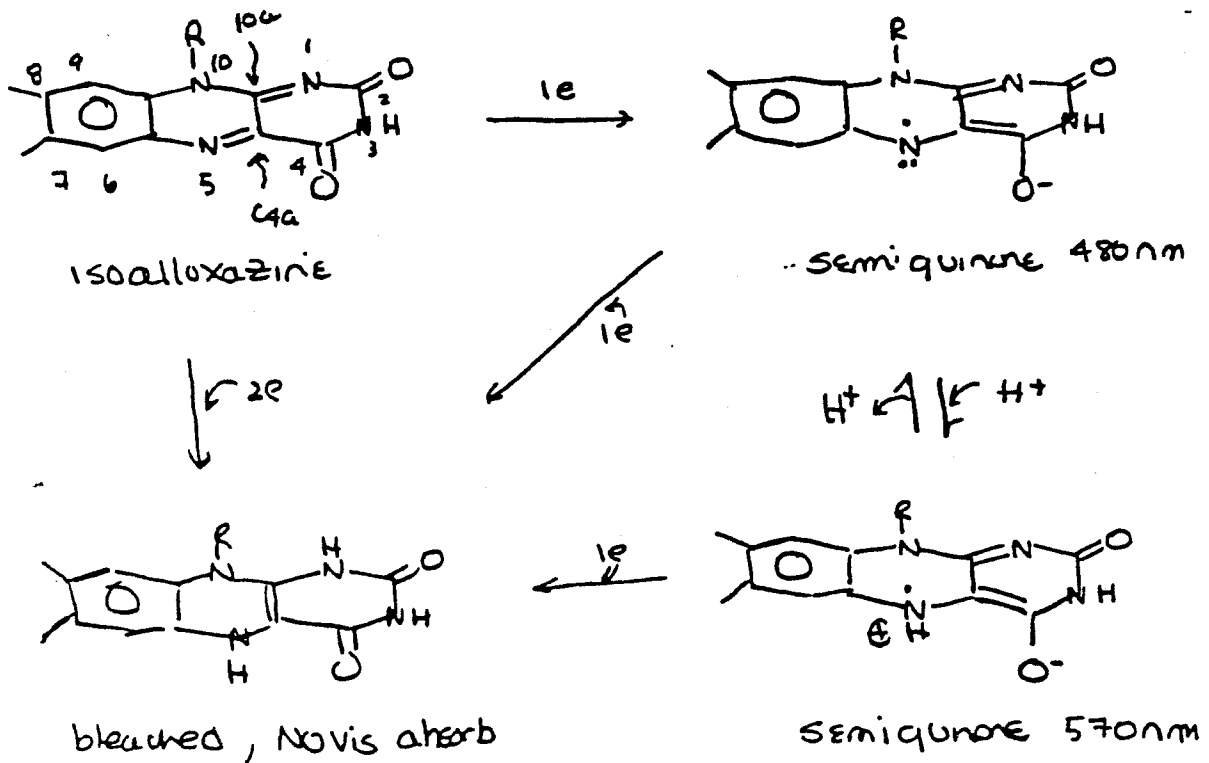
Fig. 2. Absorption spectra of d-amino acid oxidase at different states of flavin (courtesy of Dr. Y. Nishina). Top: neutral oxidized (dotted line), anionic semiquinoid (dashed line), and neutral semiquinoid (solid line) states of flavin. Bottom: charge-transfer states of neutral oxidized flavin (solid line), anionic semiquinoid flavin (dotted line), and anionic reduced flavin (dashed line).

Example of
Rich spectroscopy
associated with
flavins

stopped flow
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A. Chemistry

(1) Flavins can undergo either one electron or two electron reduction reactions. They thus play a pivotal role in accepting electrons from $2e^-$ reductants (organic compounds) and donate e^- s to one e^- oxidants (metal centers).



(2) While flavins are chemically reactive at multiple positions, enzymatically all reactions thus far examined appear to involve either the C4a position or the N-5 position.

(3) Flavins are tightly bound (covalently (through C-8 to H, C, or Y) or non-covalently, K_d s are 10^{-7} to 10^{-11}) and thus be re-oxidized on the enzyme by either oxygen or an ET protein.

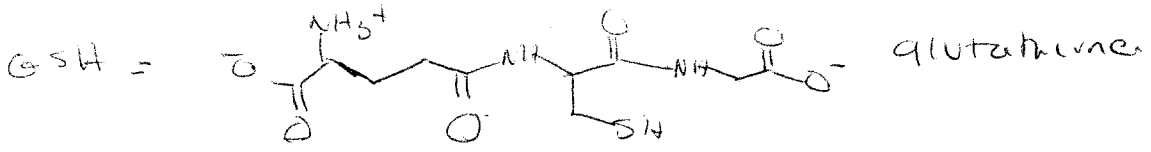
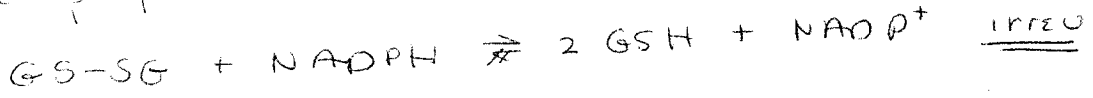
(4) $FADH_2$ is rapidly reoxidized by O_2 regenerating H_2O_2 . The non-enzymatic reaction is almost as rapid as the enzymatic reaction. $T_{1/2}$ is less than 1 sec.

(5) Flavins rapidly disproportionate in solution making kinetic studies complex:
 $FAD + FADH \rightleftharpoons 2FADH^\bullet$

(6) pK_a of N-1 is 6 to 7.

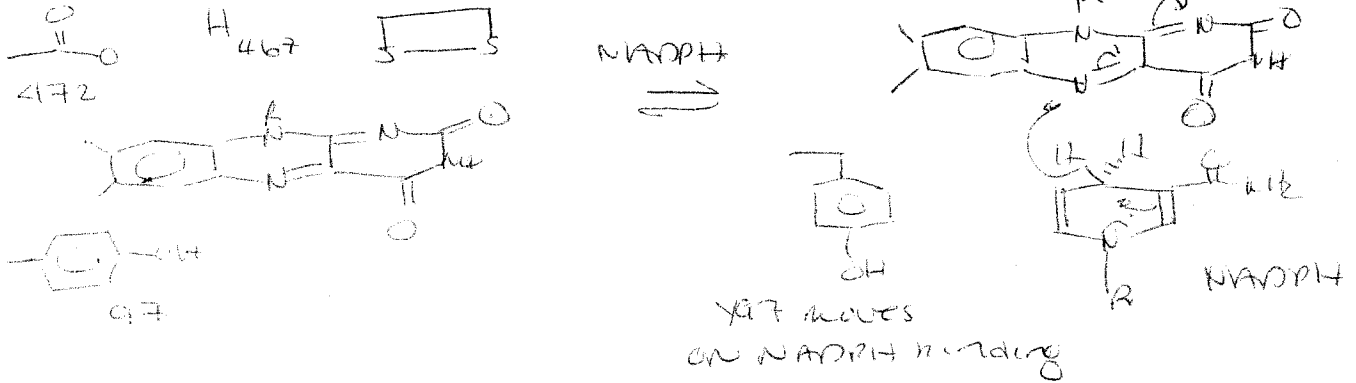
(7) The reduction potentials vary from -450 to $+110$ mv. The redox potential is modulated by the protein environment. This contrasts with NAD where the reduction potential is -320 mv. The reduction potentials use the biochemical reference state at pH 7 and μM concentrations.

Glutathione Reductase: reduction of enzyme uses a γ - γ within the active site.

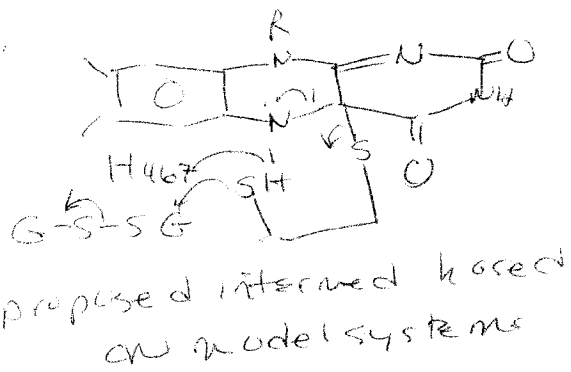


Proposed mechanism:

N-S Chemistry



C-4a Chemistry

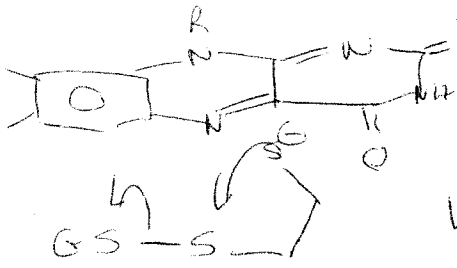
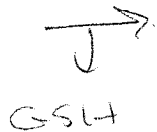


Remains unproven!

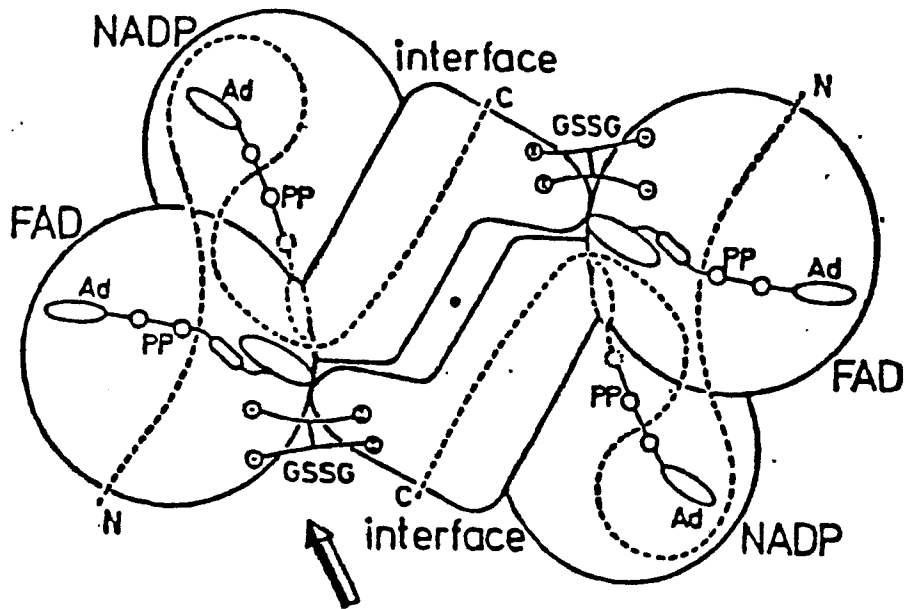



Flavin reoxidized

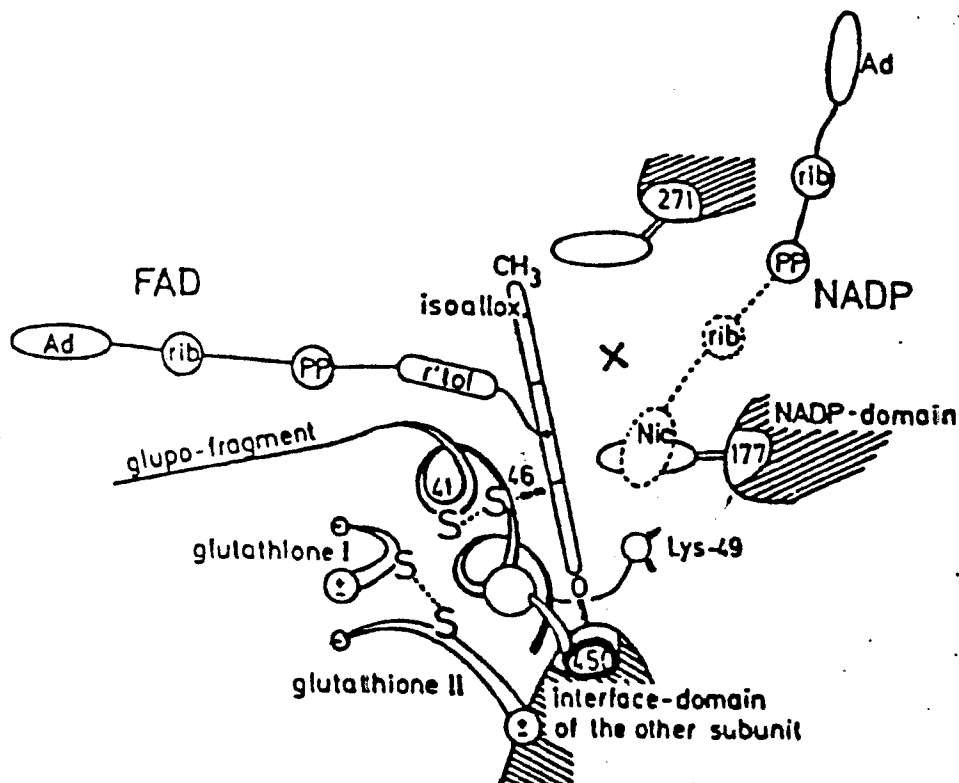
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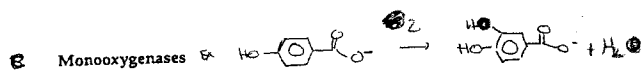
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 Sketch of the dimeric enzyme glutathione reductase. The FAD-, NADP- and interface-domains are outlined. The approximate view of Fig. 1 is indicated by an arrow. The general course of the polypeptide chain is given by a dashed line. FAD and NADP bind to their respective domains in an extended conformation. Except for the nicotinamide moiety, NADP can be described as binding at the protein surface. In contrast, FAD binds at the surface of the FAD-domain but at the boundary to the NADP-domain, so that only the adenine moiety extends to the protein surface. Oxidised glutathione (GSSG) binds between subunits. There is a close contact between the flavin ring of one subunit and the interface-domain of the other.



1. Monooxygenases: One atom from O_2 ends up in product, the other in H_2O .

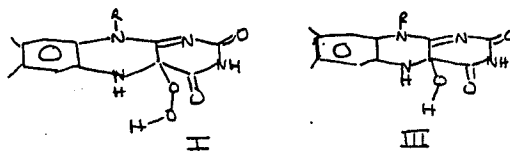


Flavin monooxygenases are rare but serve as an excellent prototype for pterin dependent monooxygenases. The former require activation built into the aromatic substrate (e.g. substrate hydroxylation), while the latter utilize metal cofactors and don't require activated aromatic substrates.

Stopped flow kinetics experiments reveal the presence of three kinetically competent intermediates in the flavin monooxygenase.

Intermediate	λ_{max} nm	ϵ $M^{-1}cm^{-1}$
I	380-90	9000
II	390-420	15000
III	380-385	9000

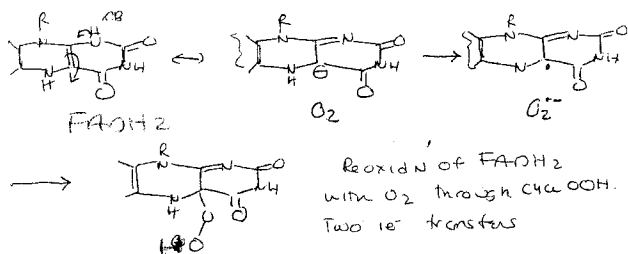
Intermediates I and III are the C4a hydroperoxide and the C4a pseudobase:



(a)



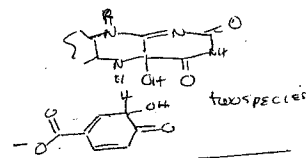
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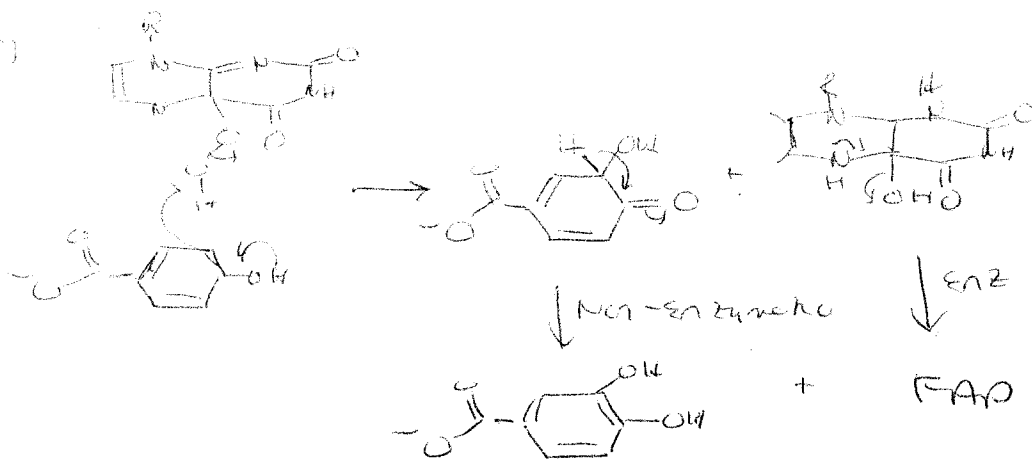
rxn of 4a-OCH₃ of flavin with substrate yields putative intermediate II

Intermediate II has been controversial and involves the interesting chemistry, the actual hydroxylation process.

Possibility for Intermediate II

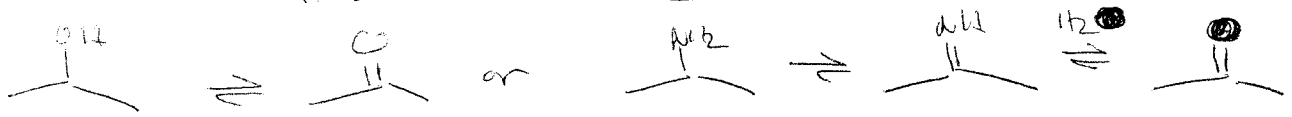


(c)



The flavin moves quite extensively during this set of transformations

Flavin Oxidases: O_2 acts as an e^- acceptor to reoxidize flavin. NO O_2 in product, it is all in H_2O_2



Ex D-amino acid oxidase

Three different mechanisms have been proposed for oxidases. Despite a wealth of information, the mechanism still remains controversial.

(1) H^- transfer

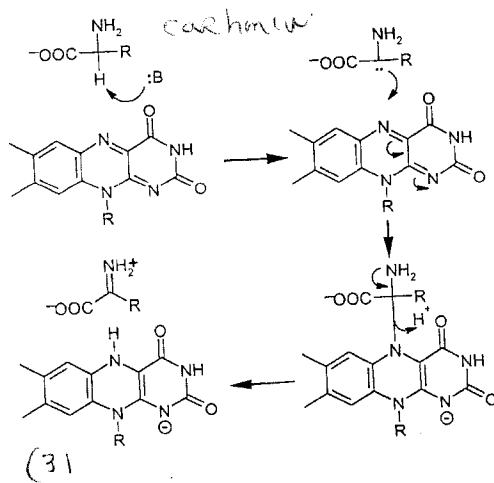
avoids GBC in active site

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(2) $2, 1e^-$ transfers: Proposed on well characterized model chemistry ~ NO evidence for radical inter. unlikely

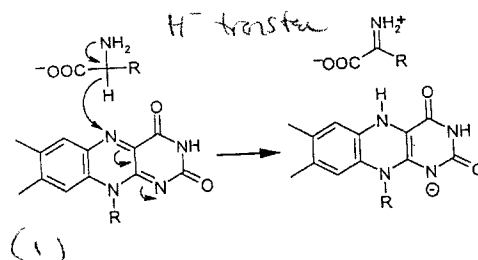
(3) Oxy. of substrate at C4a end of flavin acts as GBC. (avoids the problem that there is NO GBC in active site)

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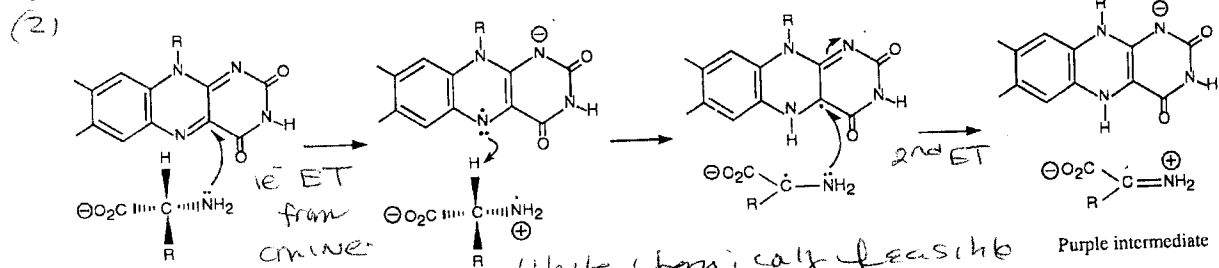
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carbanion, H^- transfer

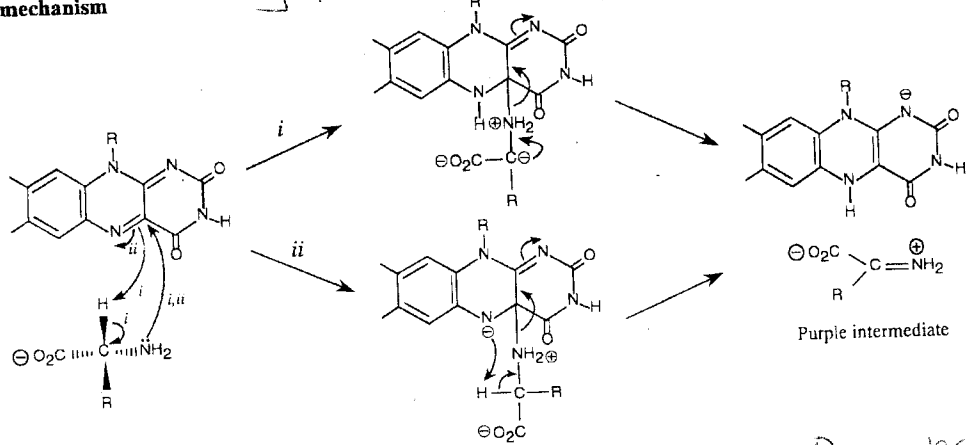


Scheme 2. Reaction mechanisms of DAAOs (Carbanion mechanism; H⁻ -CH hydride transfer mechanism).

Electron-proton-electron transfer mechanism



(3) **Ionic mechanism**



D-amino acid oxidase

Scheme 3. Mechanisms of reductive half reaction of DAO.

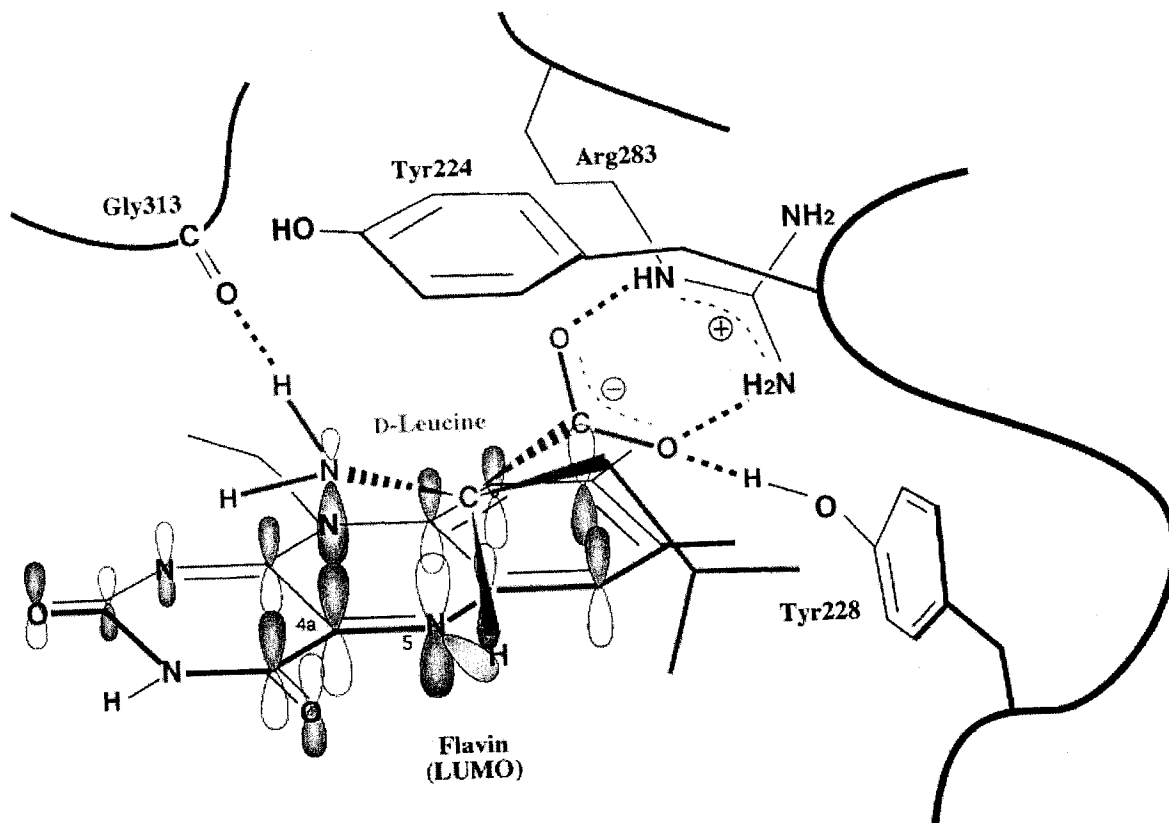


Fig. 6. d-Leucine (red) binding mode in DAO-d-leucine complex model. Note that the lone pair orbital (green) of the amino group of d-leucine overlaps with LUMO of flavin at C(4a) and that the α -hydrogen of d-leucine approaches the lone pair orbital (orange) of flavin N(5).

Flavo Proteins also carry out ET- rxns: Repair of DNA
damage: Curr Opin Chem Biol 2001 5 491-8.

