

# Cytochrome P450

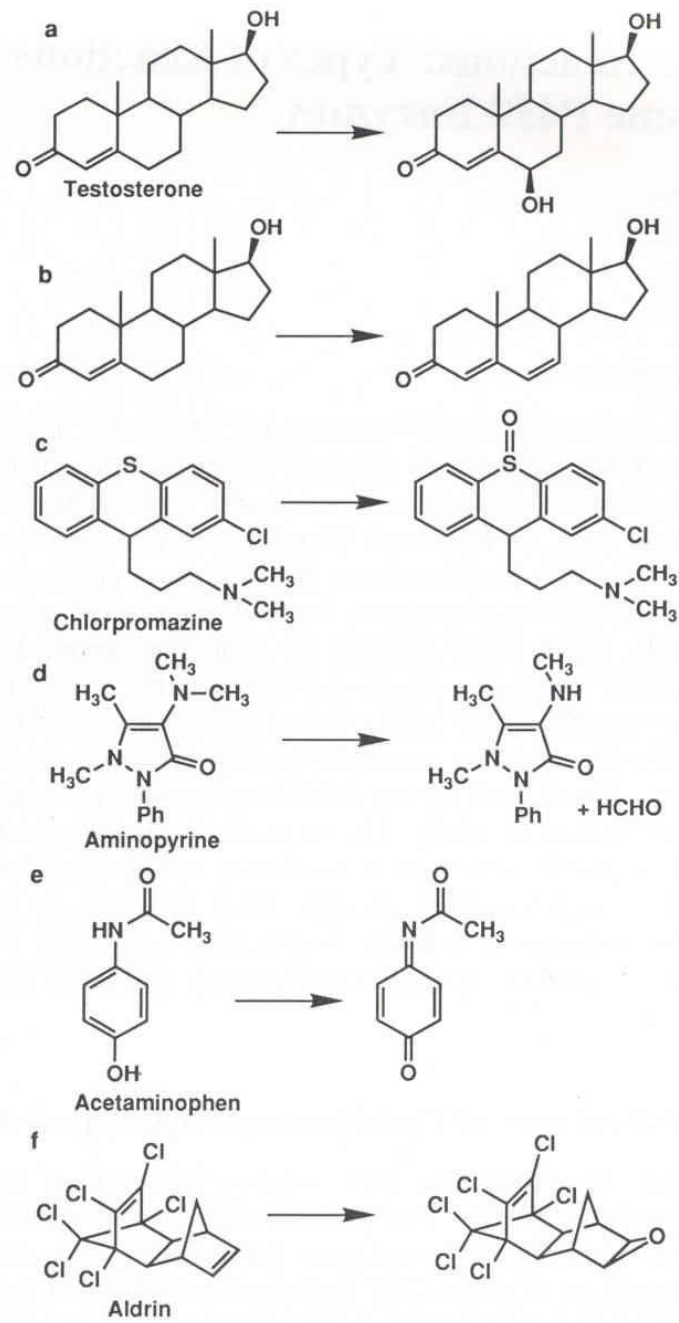
- R.T. Williams - in vivo, 1947. Brodie – in vitro, from late 40s till the 60s.
- Cytochrome P450 enzymes (hemoproteins) play an important role in the intra-cellular metabolism.
- Exist in prokaryotic and eukaryotic (plants insects fish and mammal, as well as microorganisms)
- Different P450 enzymes can be found in almost any tissue: liver, kidney, lungs and even brain.
- Plays important role in drugs metabolism and xenobiotics.

# P450 Reactions

- Cytochrome P450 enzymes catalyze thousands of different reactions.
- Oxidative reactions.



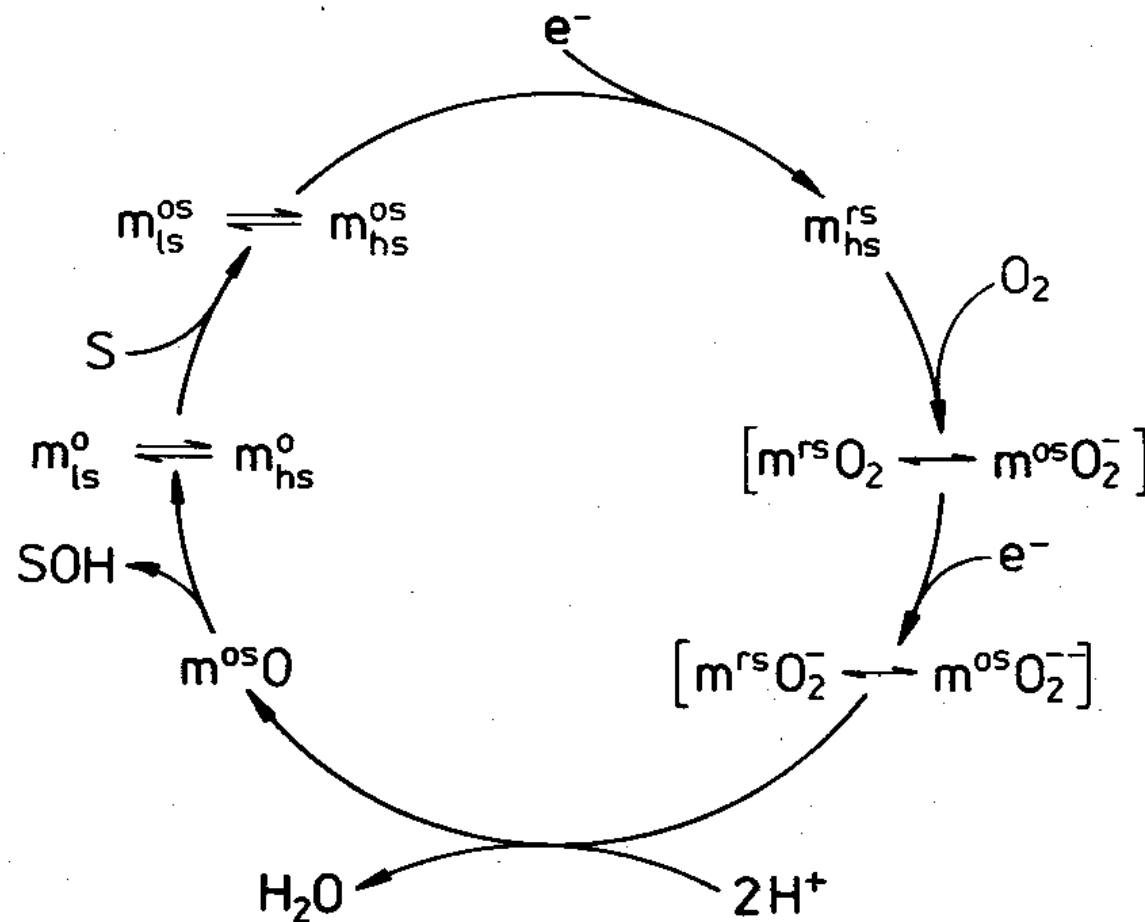
- The protein structure is believed to determine the catalytic specificity through complementarity to the transition state.



**Fig. 1.** Oxidations of drugs and pesticides catalyzed by cytochrome P450 enzymes. See text for discussion

# General Features of Cytochrome P450 Catalysis

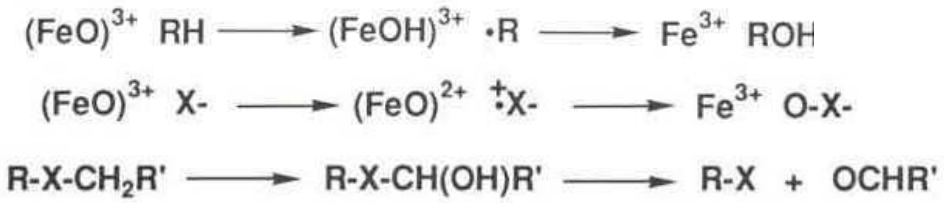
1. Substrate binding (presumably near the site of the heme ligand)
2. 1-electron reduction of the iron by flavoprotein NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase
3. Reaction of ferrous iron with  $O_2$  to yield an unstable  $FeO_2$  complex
4. Addition of the second electron from NADPH or cytochrome  $b_5$
5. Heterolytic scission of the  $FeO-O(H)$  bond to generate a formal  $(FeO)^{3+}$
6. Oxidation of the substrate.
  1. Formal abstraction of hydrogen atom or electron
  2. Radical recombination
7. Release of the product.



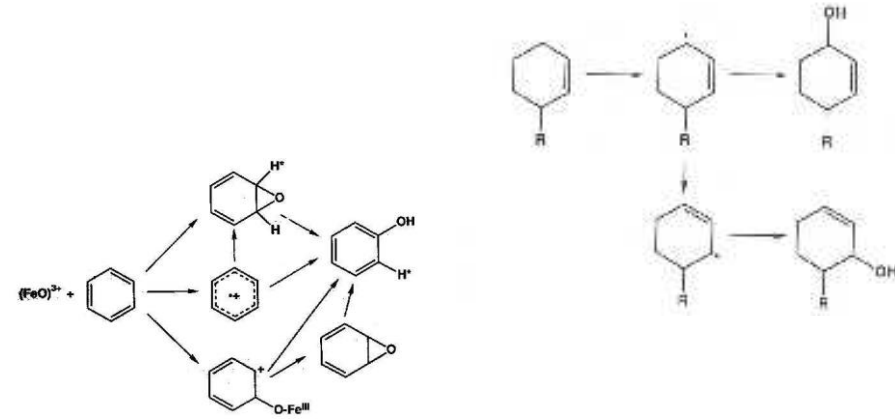
**Fig. 1.** Reaction cycle of cytochrome P450 considering the spin equilibrium of the ferric state and the resonance structures of oxy-cytochrome P450. *m*, mono-oxygenase; *o*, oxidized ( $Fe^{3+}$ ) state; *r*, reduced ( $Fe^{2+}$ ) state; *s*, substrate; *ls*, low spin; *hs*, high spin

## • Oxidative Reactions

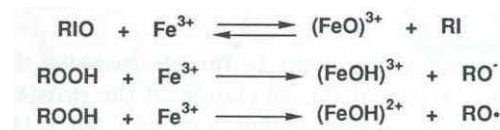
- Carbon Hydroxylation
- Heteroatom Hydroxylation
- Heteroatom Release
- Rearrangement Related to Heteroatom Oxidations



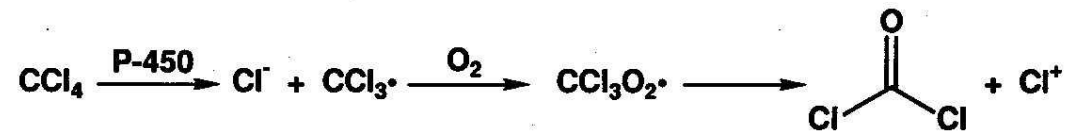
- Oxidation of  $\pi$ -System



- Hypervalent Oxygen substrate



## • Reductive Reactions

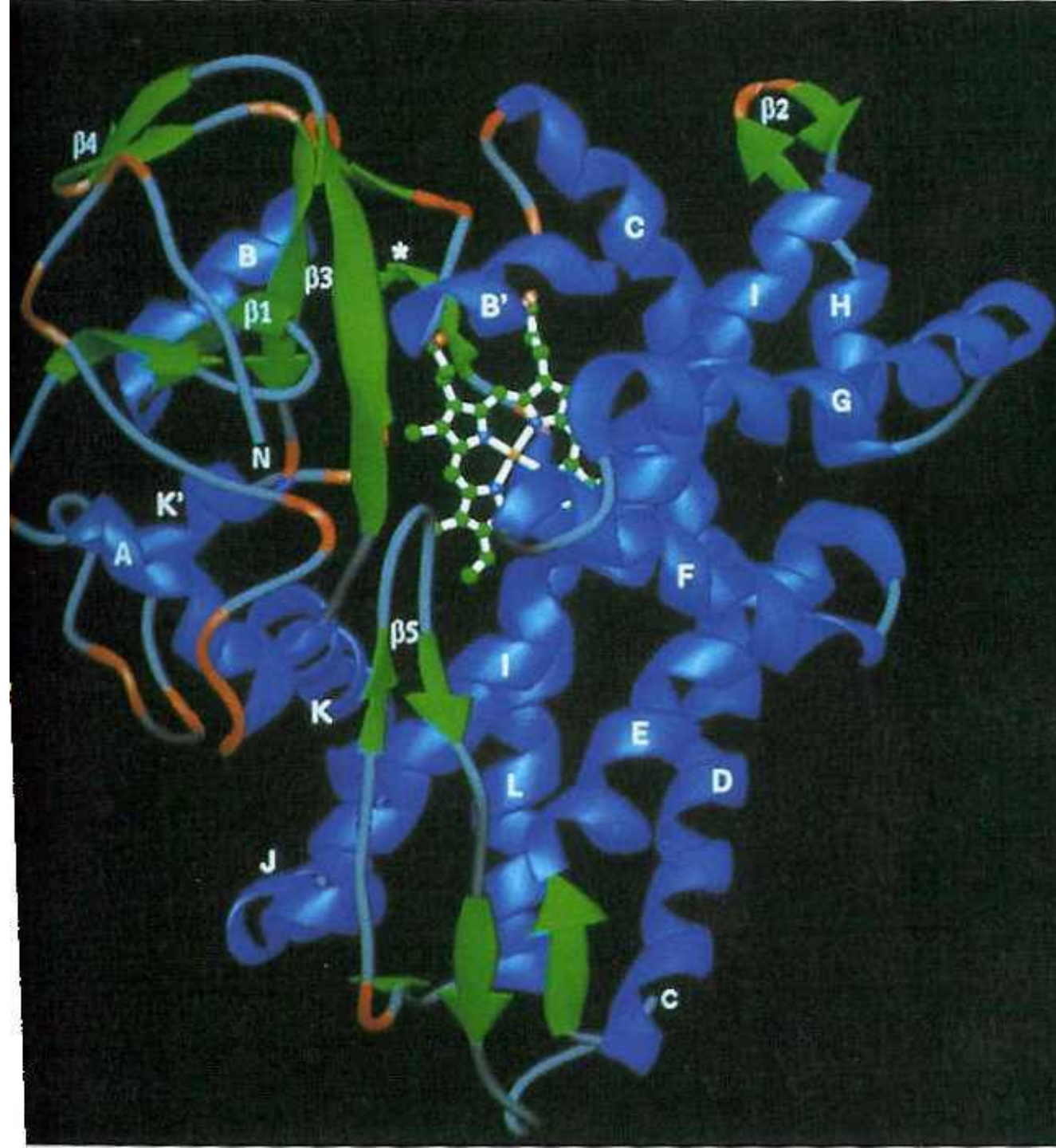


# Humans CYP450 -18 families, 43 subfamilies

- CYP1 drug metabolism (3 subfamilies, 3 genes, 1 pseudogene)
- CYP2 drug and steroid metabolism (13 subfamilies, 16 genes, 16 pseudogenes)
- CYP3 drug metabolism (1 subfamily, 4 genes, 2 pseudogenes)
- CYP4 arachidonic acid or fatty acid metabolism (5 subfamilies, 11 genes, 10 pseudogenes)
- CYP5 Thromboxane A2 synthase (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP7A bile acid biosynthesis 7-alpha hydroxylase of steroid nucleus (1 subfamily member)
- CYP7B brain specific form of 7-alpha hydroxylase (1 subfamily member)
- CYP8A prostacyclin synthase (1 subfamily member)
- CYP8B bile acid biosynthesis (1 subfamily member)
- CYP11 steroid biosynthesis (2 subfamilies, 3 genes)
- CYP17 steroid biosynthesis (1 subfamily, 1 gene) 17-alpha hydroxylase
- CYP19 steroid biosynthesis (1 subfamily, 1 gene) aromatase forms estrogen
- CYP20 Unknown function (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP21 steroid biosynthesis (1 subfamily, 1 gene, 1 pseudogene)
- CYP24 vitamin D degradation (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP26A retinoic acid hydroxylase important in development (1 subfamily member)
- CYP26B probable retinoic acid hydroxylase (1 subfamily member)
- CYP26C probable retinoic acid hydroxylase (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27A bile acid biosynthesis (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27B Vitamin D3 1-alpha hydroxylase activates vitamin D3 (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27C Unknown function (1 subfamily member)
- CYP39 unknown function (1 subfamily member)
- CYP46 cholesterol 24-hydroxylase (1 subfamily member)
- CYP51 cholesterol biosynthesis (1 subfamily, 1 gene, 3 pseudogenes) lanosterol 14-alpha demethylase

# Structure

- Till 2001 there was no mammal CYP.
- P450cam structure was solved in 1987
- x-ray structure of P450cam with different substrate and inhibitors.



- Heme exists in hydrophobic environment, oriented nearly parallel to the surfaces between the L and I helices. Heme-ligating Cys-357 (beginning of L)
- Helix-rich on the right side
- Beta-sheet-rich on the left side
- 14 alpha helices, 5 anti parallel beta-sheets
- Compact structure, especially the helical region.

- Closed structure, conformational dynamic is essential.
- No obvious substrate channel.
- The area bounded by B' F/G and beta 5 identified as the channel.
- 6 water molecule fill the substrate active site
- Substrate binding loop residues 80-103
- Binding free energy is most likely due to hydrophobic interactions of the substrate and the heme, Leu-244 and Val-295

# Structural Model for CYP450 Substrates and inhibitors

- Large number of drugs chemical are already known
- Systematic attempts to explore substrate and inhibitor specificity of individual cytochrome P40 species

# Motivation

- Chemical toxicity studies
- Predict whether therapeutic effect may be subjected to individual variations.
- Predict drugs inhibition.

# Elucidate Specificity approaches

- Determination of three dimensional structure of the active site.
- Design of pharmacophor:
  - Molecular modeling
  - Quantitative structure activity relationship

# Three dimensional Structure of the Active Site

- In **P450cam** substrate binding, there are three regions of AA flexibility.
  - One at the substrate binding site
  - Two are at the assumed substrate access channel
- Backbone flexibility of P450cam in case of inhibitor binding.



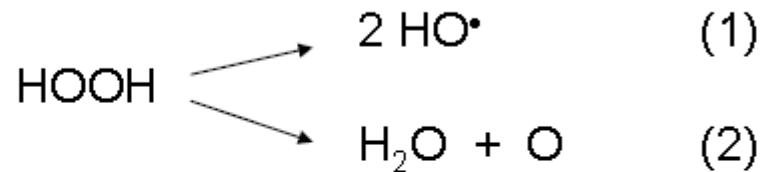
## XI.3. Peroxidases and Catalases

### XI.3.1. Introduction

Substrate: hydrogen peroxide (IUPACese: dioxidane)

peroxidases: oxidised by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , then reduced by "SH", a substrate  
catalase: catalyses dismutation into  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Electrode potentials,  $E^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O})$  and  $E^\circ(\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$ :  
see earlier Table with values at pH 7.



O. Loew. Catalase, A new enzyme of general occurrence with special reference to the tobacco plant, *U.S. Department of Agriculture Report No. 68:7-47* (1901)

Fig. XI.3.2. protoporphyrin IX

proximal ligand

peroxidase: histidine (H-bonded to an Asp)

catalase: tyrosinate

Reaction of Fe(III)porphyrin with  $H_2O_2$  results in Compound I and  $H_2O$

What is Compound I?

a Fe(IV)Opor( $\bullet+$ ), possibly formed via a Fe(V)por intermediate

XI.3.2. Overall structure of peroxidases, from fungi to plants – *conserved*, structural identity, but not necessarily sequence similarity.

Fig. XI.3.3., non-mammalian haem peroxidases, 10 helical bundle motive

### XI.3.3. Active site structure

Fig. XI.3.4., active site structure, overhead

His170 – Asp247 H-bond

Fig. XI.3.5., catalase, structure, tetramer,  
*different from peroxidases*

Fig. XI.3.6., active site of catalase

Tyr357, tyrosinate as ligand to Fe(III)

### Peroxidases:

distal and proximal helix, close to haem;

distal: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> binding,

proximal: His ligand to Fe

His ligand forms H-bond with Asp (conserved) → anionic character to His, stabilises Fe<sup>3+</sup> - and FeO<sup>2+</sup>

Contrast: His in globins H-bonds with peptide C=O, his is correspondingly less negative, electrode potential is higher.

Catalase: fold is different from peroxidases. TyrO<sup>-</sup> stabilises Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

#### XI.3.4. Mechanisms

Fig. IX.3.7., Spectral intermediates, overhead

Compound I is green, except that of cytochrome *c* peroxidase

Fig. IX.3.8., Peroxidase Compound I formation, overhead

Intermediate Fe(V)? Importance of distal His, T. XI.3.1.

His→Leu, Compound I formed 5 orders of magnitude slower.

Proximal? Appears less important!?

(problem with amino acid changes)

### XI.3.5. Reduction of Compounds I and II

Peroxidase: a phenol,  $\times 2 \Rightarrow 2$  phenoxyl radicals;

Compound I  $\rightarrow$  Compound II  $\rightarrow$  Fe(III) resting state

Binding site near the solvent-accessible haem edge; based on NMR, suicide inhibitors, *crystal structures*; binding site may depend on the substrate (lignin peroxidase)

Cytochrome *c* peroxidase, substrate is cytochrome *c*, a one-electron donor.

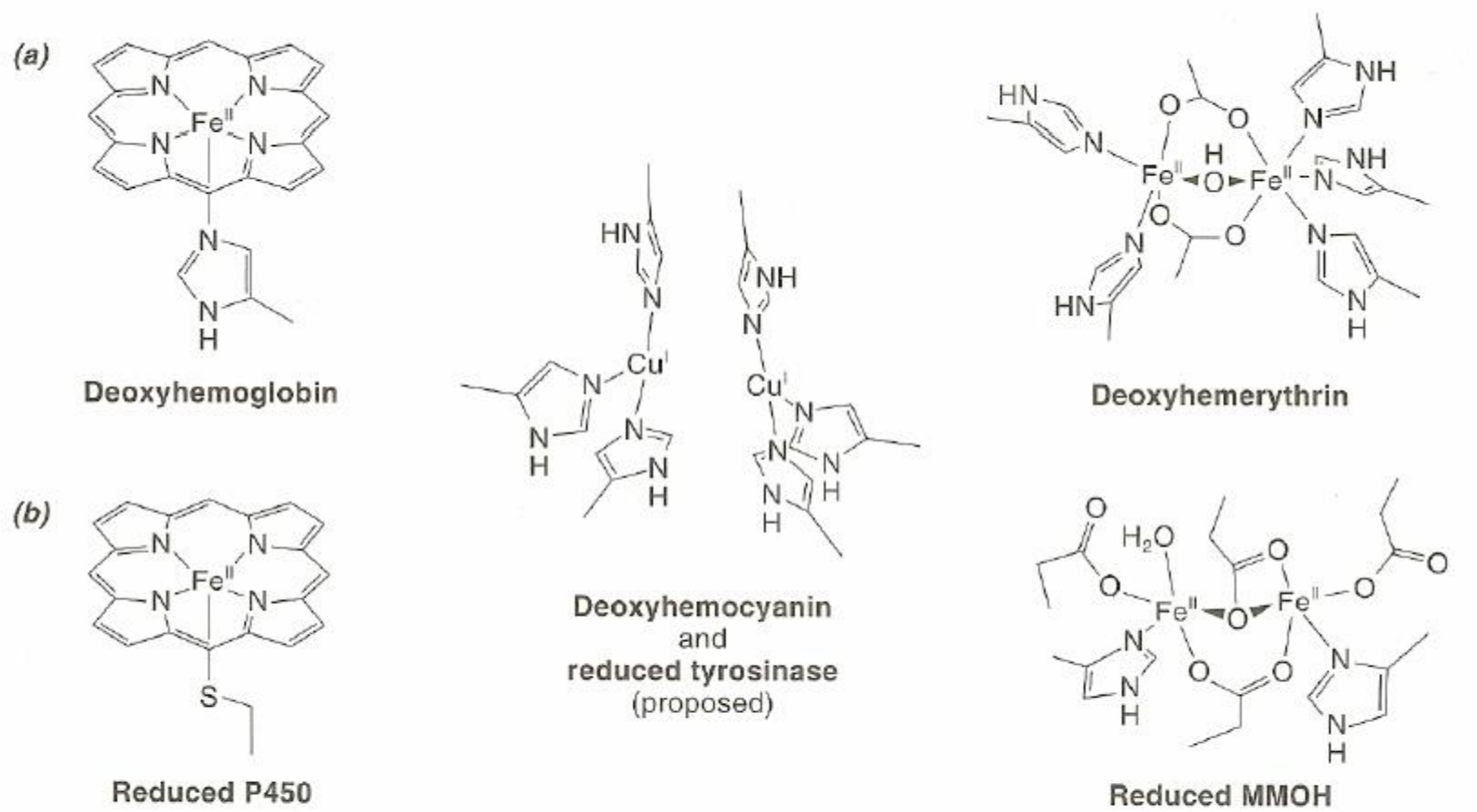
Complex between *ccp* and *c*: Fig. XI.3.12 (Problem?)

Radical centred on trp191. Haem of cytochrome *c* is near residue 194, electron transfer by tunnelling. FeO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> oxidises trp 191 again, see Fig. XI.3.13.

### XI.5. Dioxygen activating enzymes

#### XI.5.1. Converting carriers to activators

Fig. XI.5.1. (next ppt)



**Fig. XI.5.1.**  
Active sites of the three known O<sub>2</sub> carriers (a) and their counterparts in oxygen activation (b). (MMOH = methane monooxygenase hydroxylase)

## **Some Naturally Occurring Antioxidant Systems**

### **Antioxidant enzyme systems**

SODs and SOR

Catalase and heme peroxidases

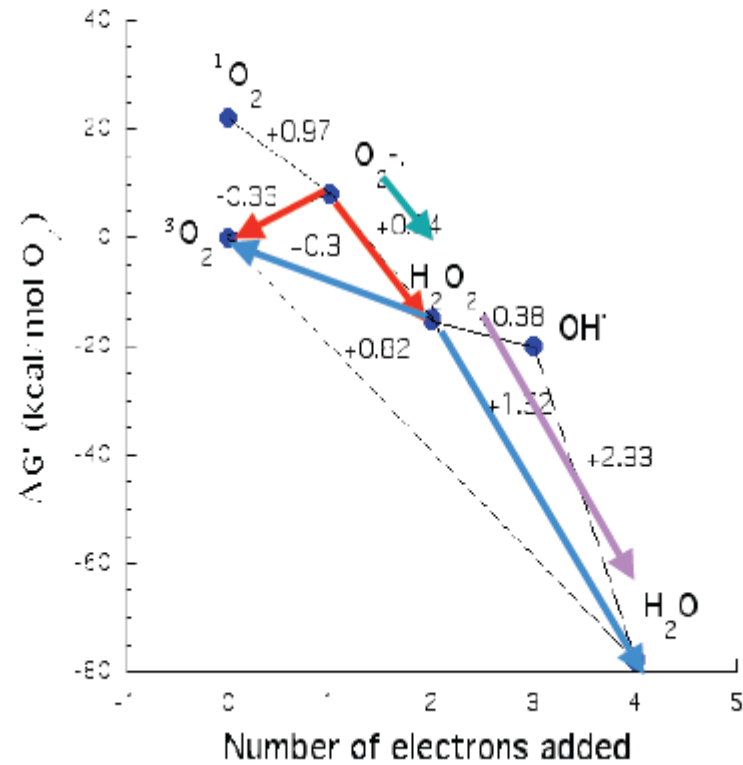
Glutathione peroxidase and the glutathione system

### **Small molecule antioxidants**

Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)

Tocopherol (vitamin E)

Glutathione



### **SOD and SOR Mechanistic Principles**

- A. Oxidation of superoxide to give dioxygen
- B. Reduction of superoxide to give hydrogen peroxide

### **SOD and SOR Enzymes**

- A. CuZnSOD
- B. FeSOD and MnSOD
- C. NiSOD
- D. SOR

## SOD mechanisms

Oxidation of superoxide:

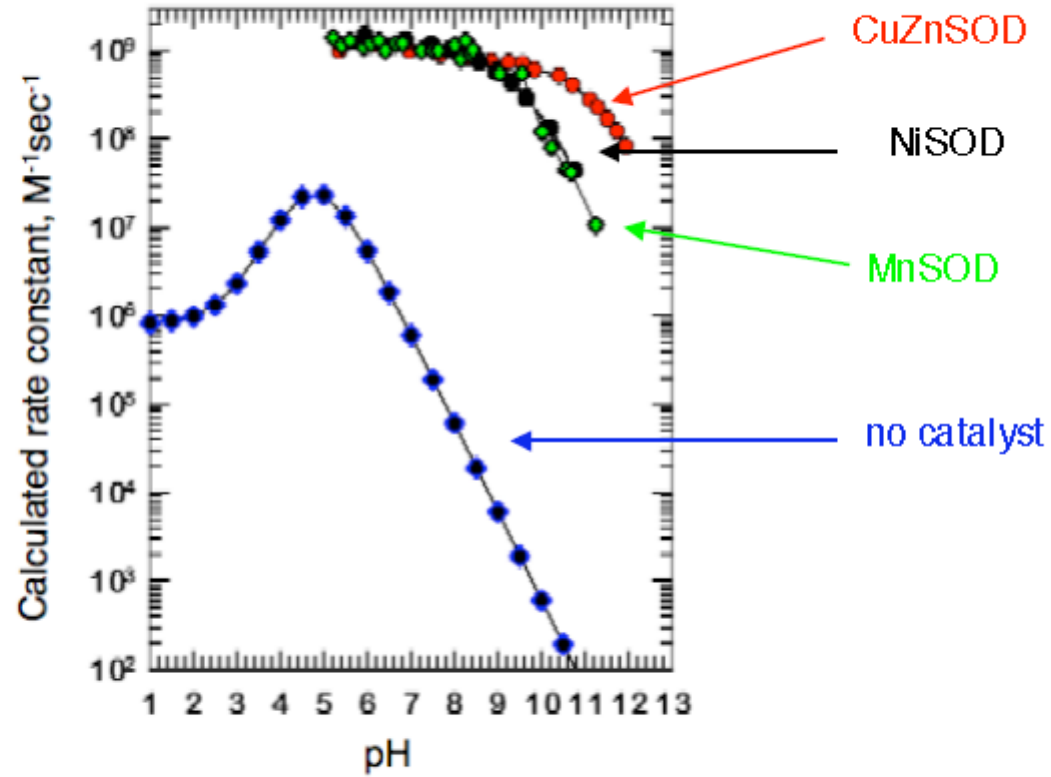


Reduction of superoxide:



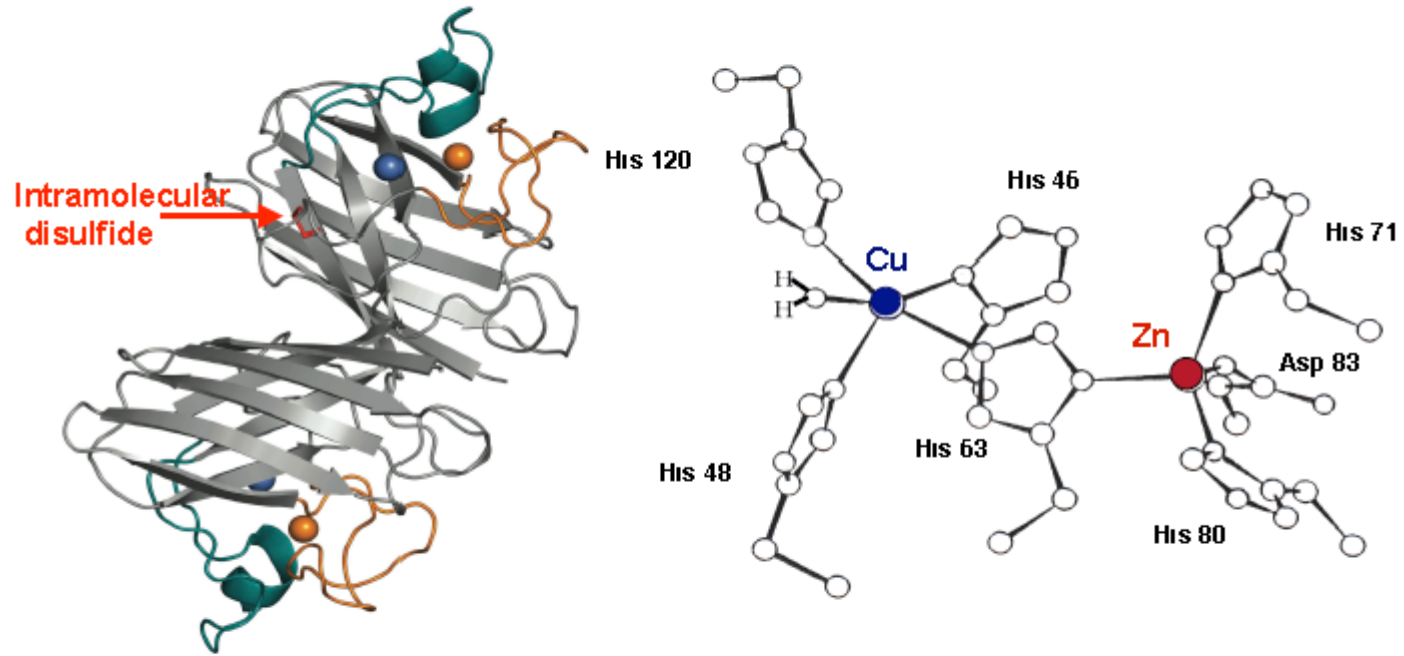
The SOR mechanism uses the second reaction. The oxidized enzyme is then returned to the reduced state by reducing agents other than superoxide.

### Rate Constants for Superoxide Dismutation

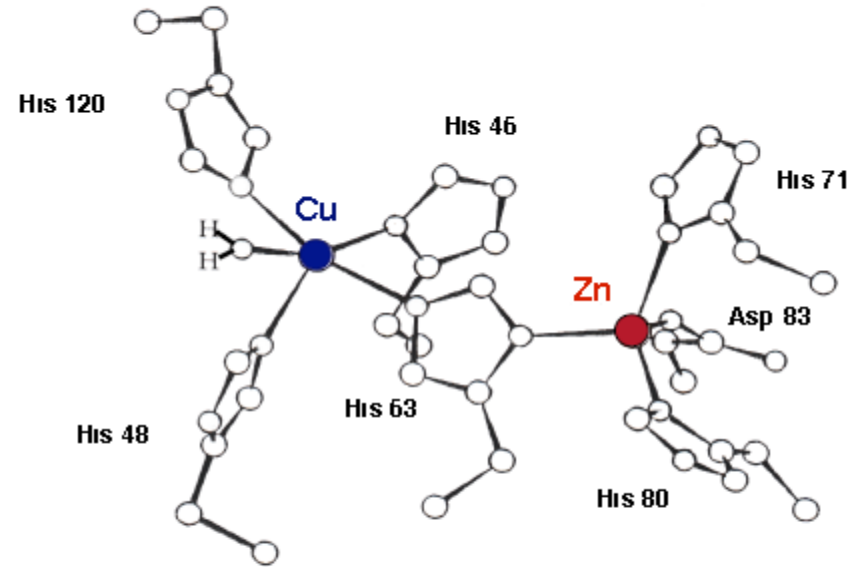


Rate constants for the SODs are per concentration Cu, Mn, and Ni, respectively. (Figure courtesy of Dr. Diane E. Cabelli.)

# CuZnSOD



## Metal Binding Sites and SOD Mechanism

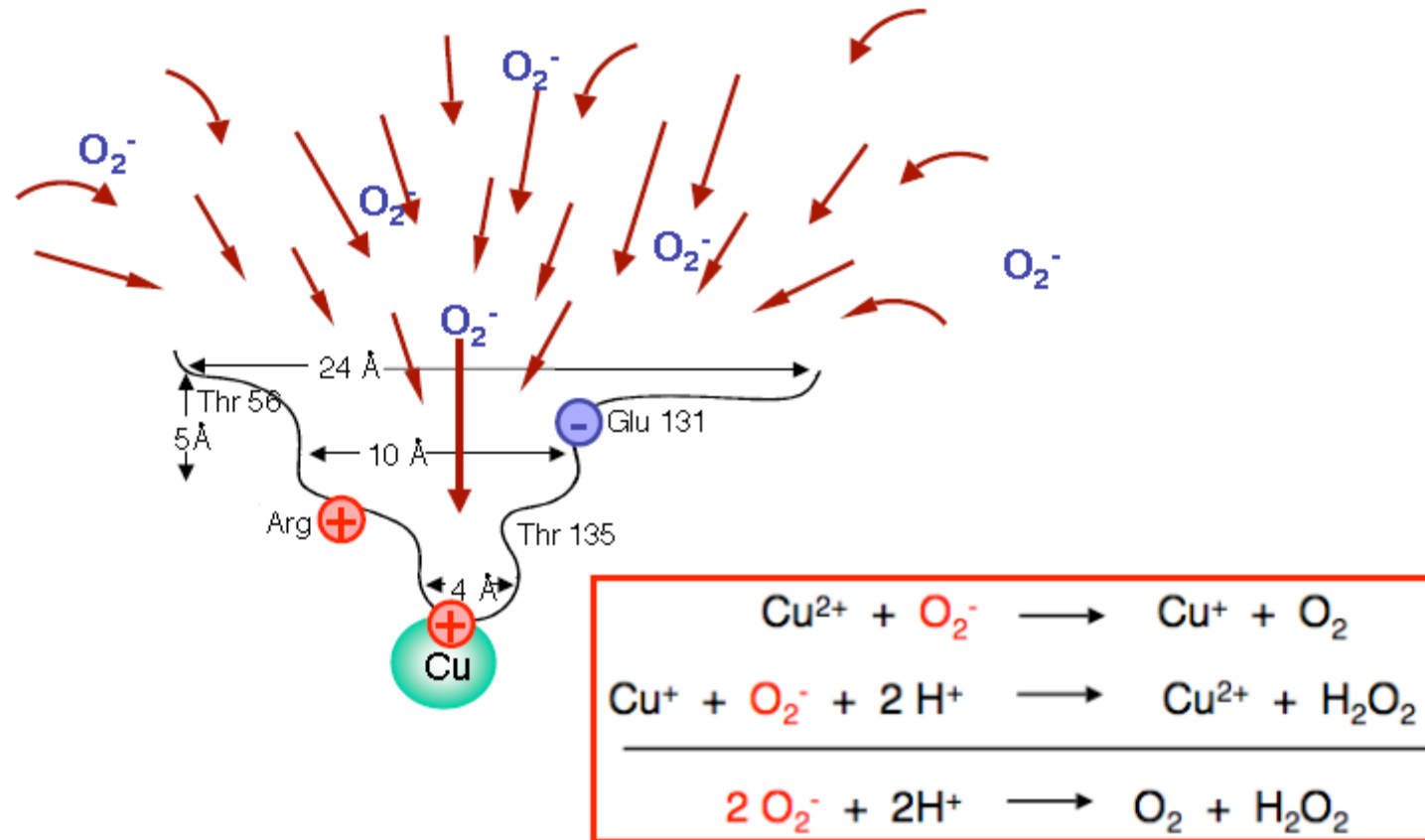


**Metal binding properties of the two sites are coupled**

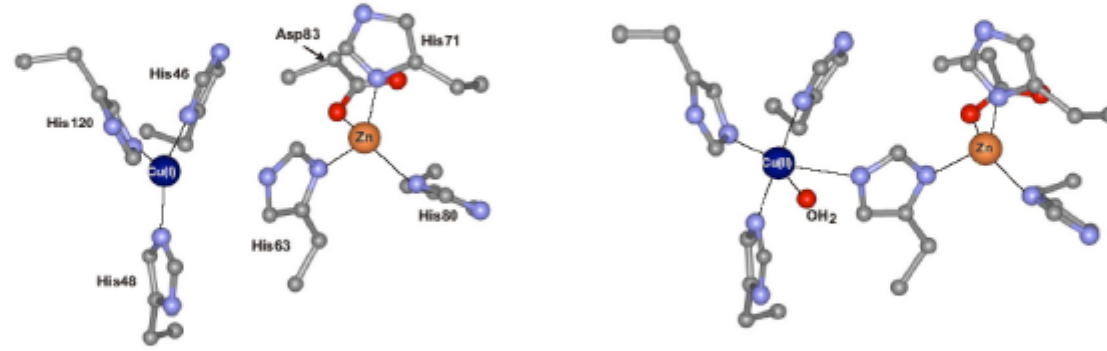
**Enzymatic reaction:**



## Active Site Channel and Superoxide Specificity

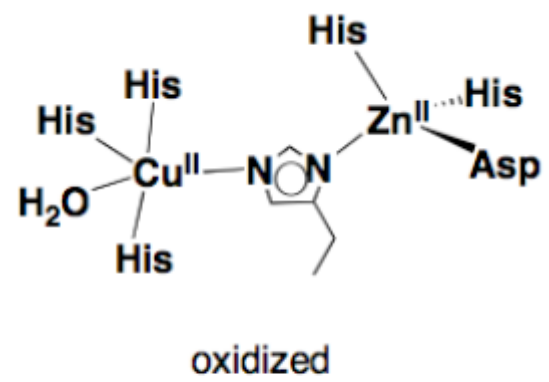
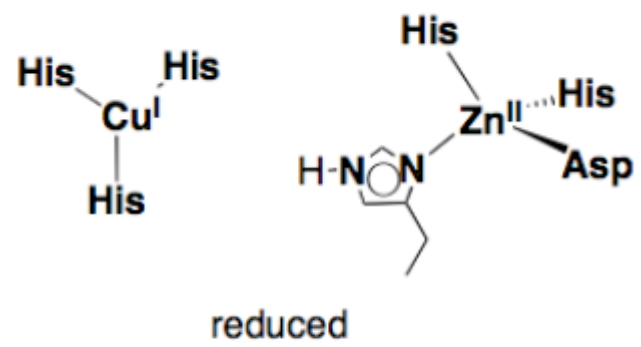


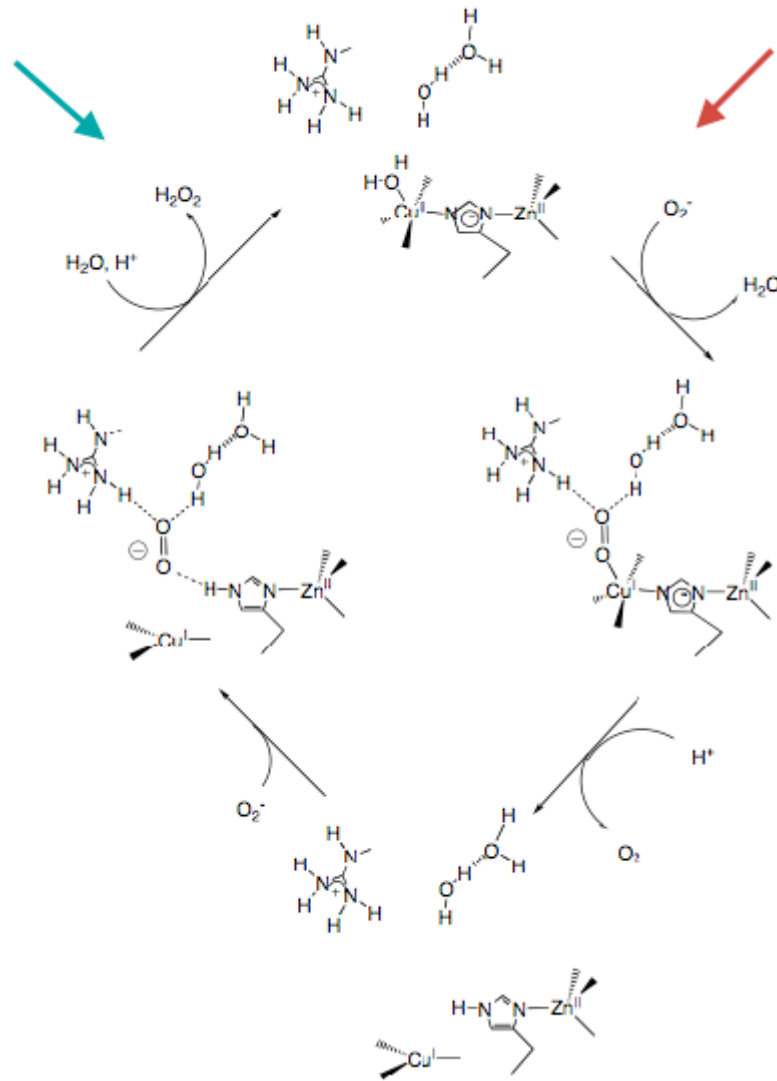
## Metal binding site regions of reduced and oxidized CuZnSOD



Reduced (Cu<sup>+</sup>) yeast CuZnSOD

Oxidized (Cu<sup>2+</sup>) human CuZnSOD



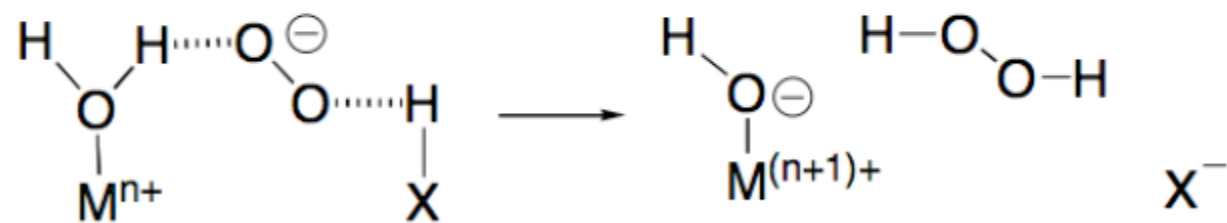


**Schematic diagram of the catalytic cycle for CuZnSOD.**

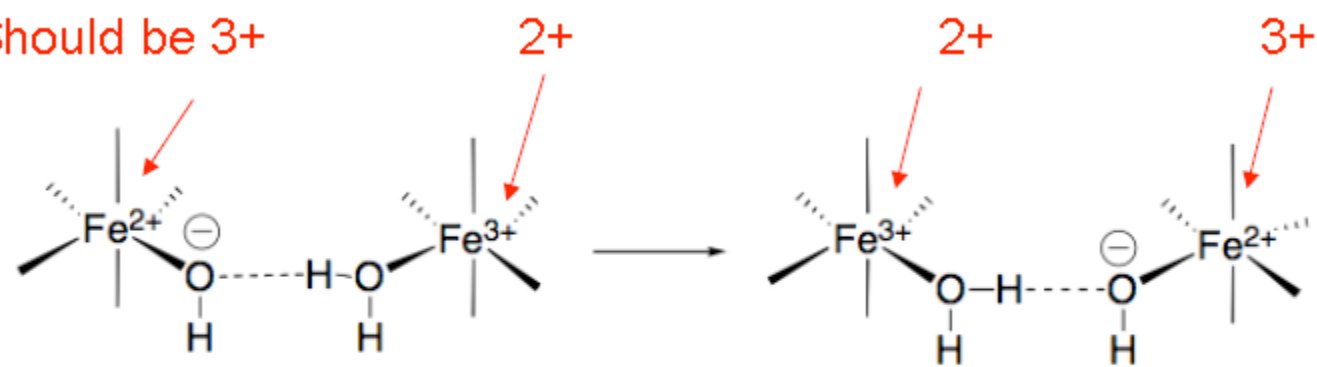
The right hand side describes the oxidation of superoxide by Cu(II)ZnSOD to give dioxygen.

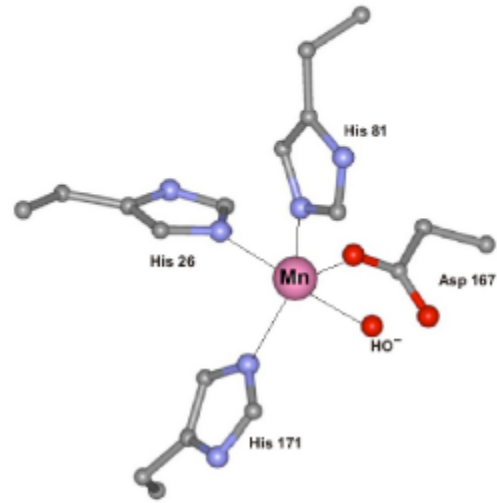
The left side describes the reduction of superoxide by Cu(I)ZnSOD to give hydrogen peroxide.

The solution may be proton-coupled electron transfer



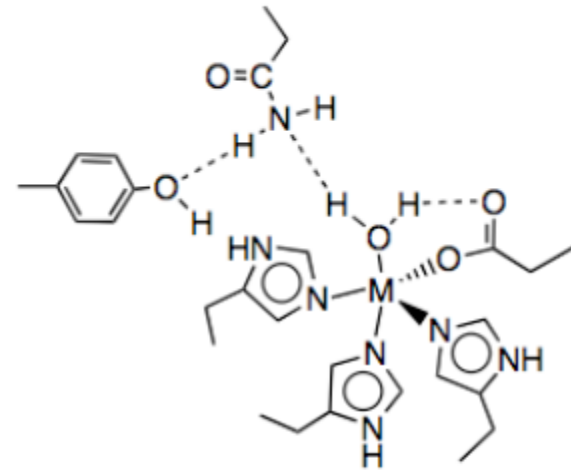
Should be 3+





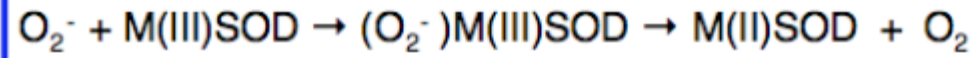
Metal site in *E. coli* MnSOD

Three equatorial ligands (His81, Asp167 and His 171) and two axial ligands (His26 and a solvent molecule, modeled as hydroxide ion) form a trigonal bipyramidal arrangement.

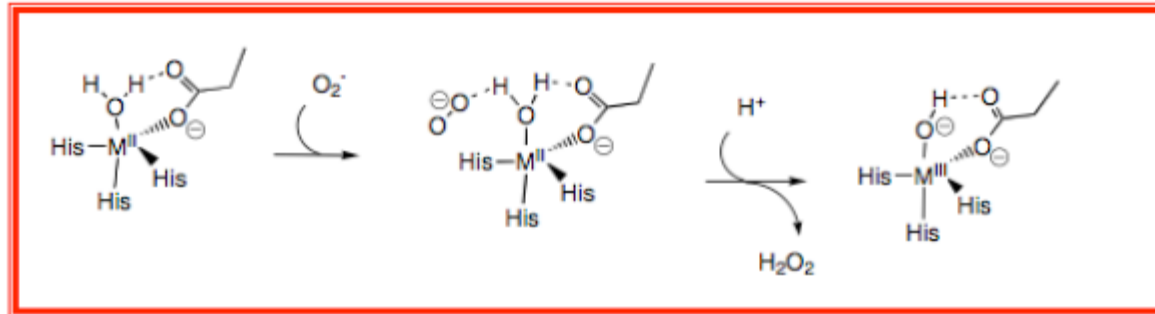


Active site configuration of Mn(II)SOD and Fe(II)SOD

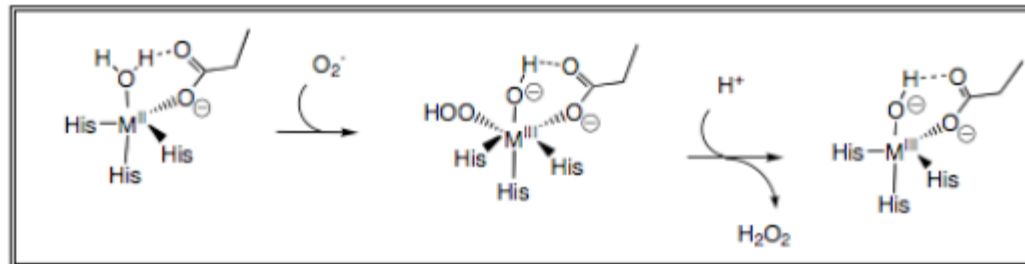
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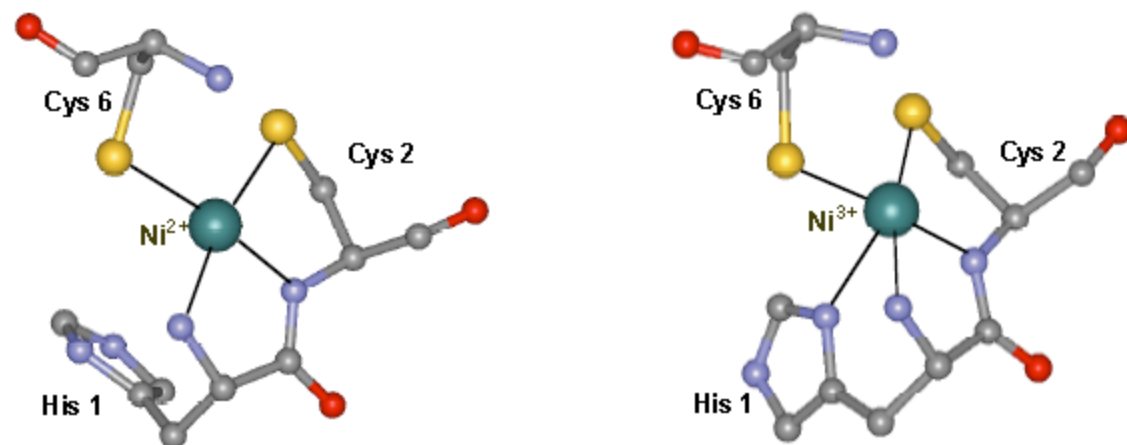


Reduction of superoxide by Mn(II)SOD or Fe(II)SOD:

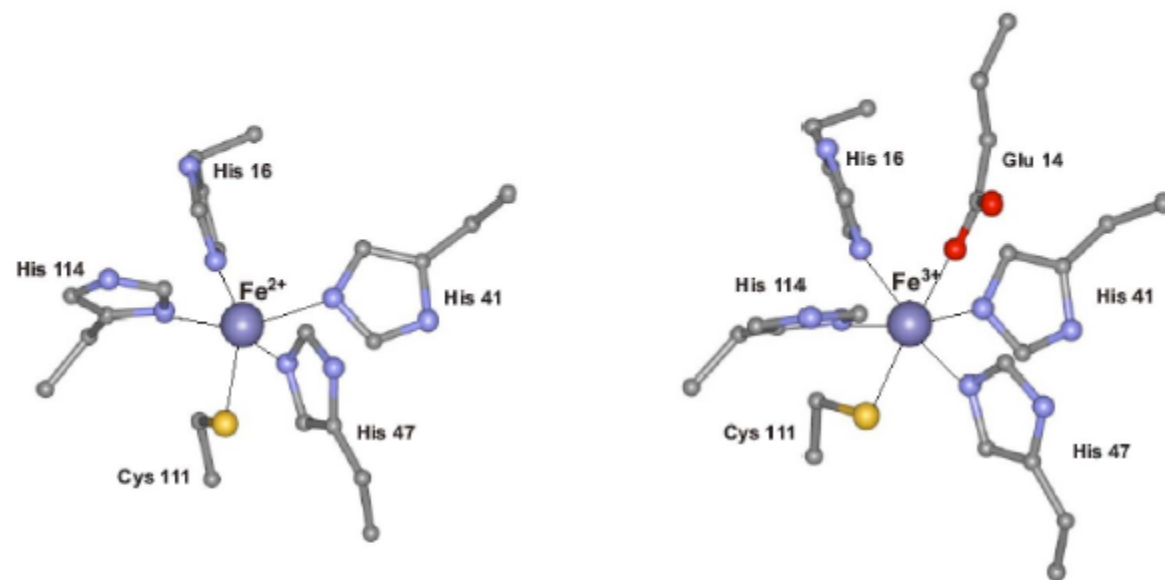


Minor pathway for reduction of superoxide by Mn(II)SOD

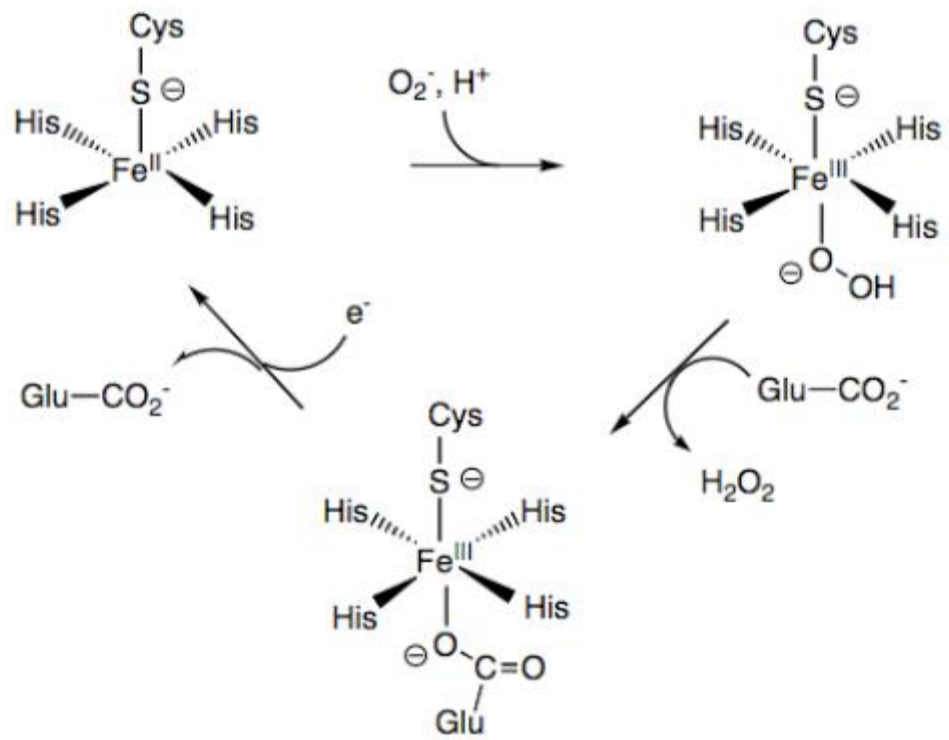




Nickel binding site of *Streptomyces seoulensis*  
superoxide dismutase in oxidized, Ni<sup>3+</sup> and  
thiosulfate reduced, Ni<sup>2+</sup> forms

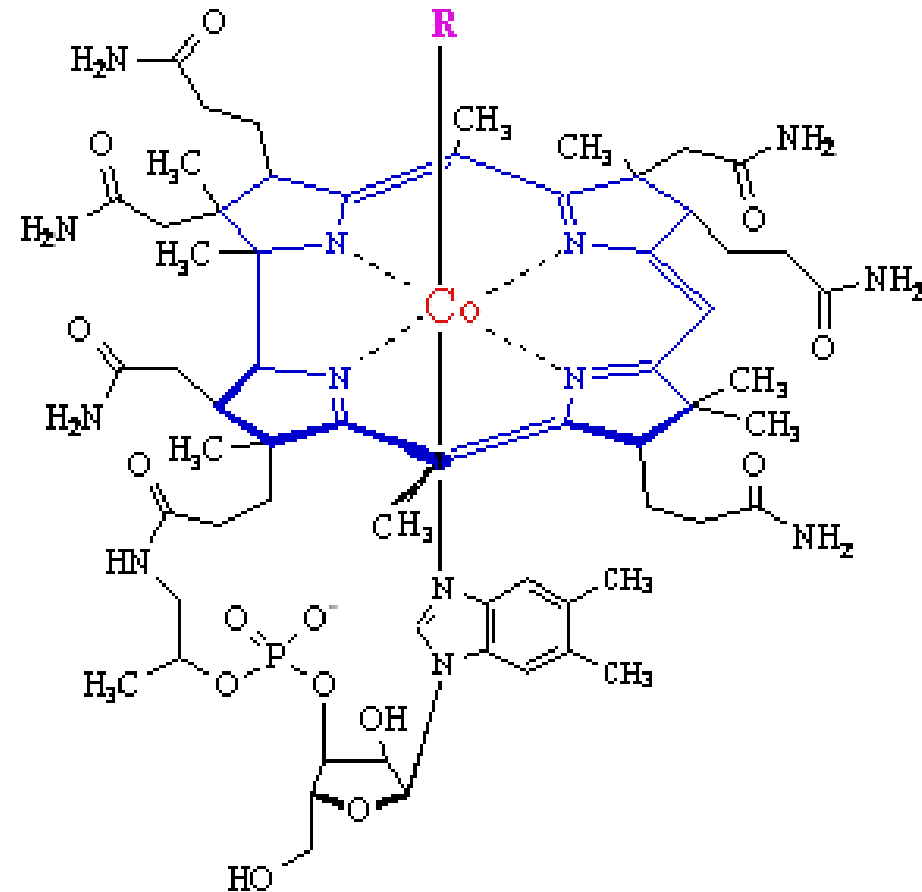


Iron center of *Pyrococcus furiosus* superoxide reductase in ferric (left) and ferrous (right) states.



# VITAMIN B12 (cobalamin)

- Vitamin B12, is also called **cobalamin**, **cyanocobalamin** and **hydroxycobalamin**.
- It is built from :
  1. A **nucleotide** and
  2. A complex **tetrapyrrol ring structure** (corrin ring)
  3. A **cobalt ion** in the center.
  4. A **R- group**
- When R is cyanide (CN), vitamin B12 takes the form of cyanocobalamin.
- In hydroxycobalamin, R equals the hydroxyl group (-OH).
- In the coenzyme forms of vitamin B12,
  - R equals an adenosyl group in adenosylcobalamin.
  - R equals a methyl (-CH<sub>3</sub>) group in methylcobalamin.
- Vitamin B12 is synthesized exclusively by microorganisms (bacteria, fungi and algae) and not by animals and is found in the liver of animals bound to protein as **methylcobalamin** or **5'-deoxyadenosylcobalamin**.



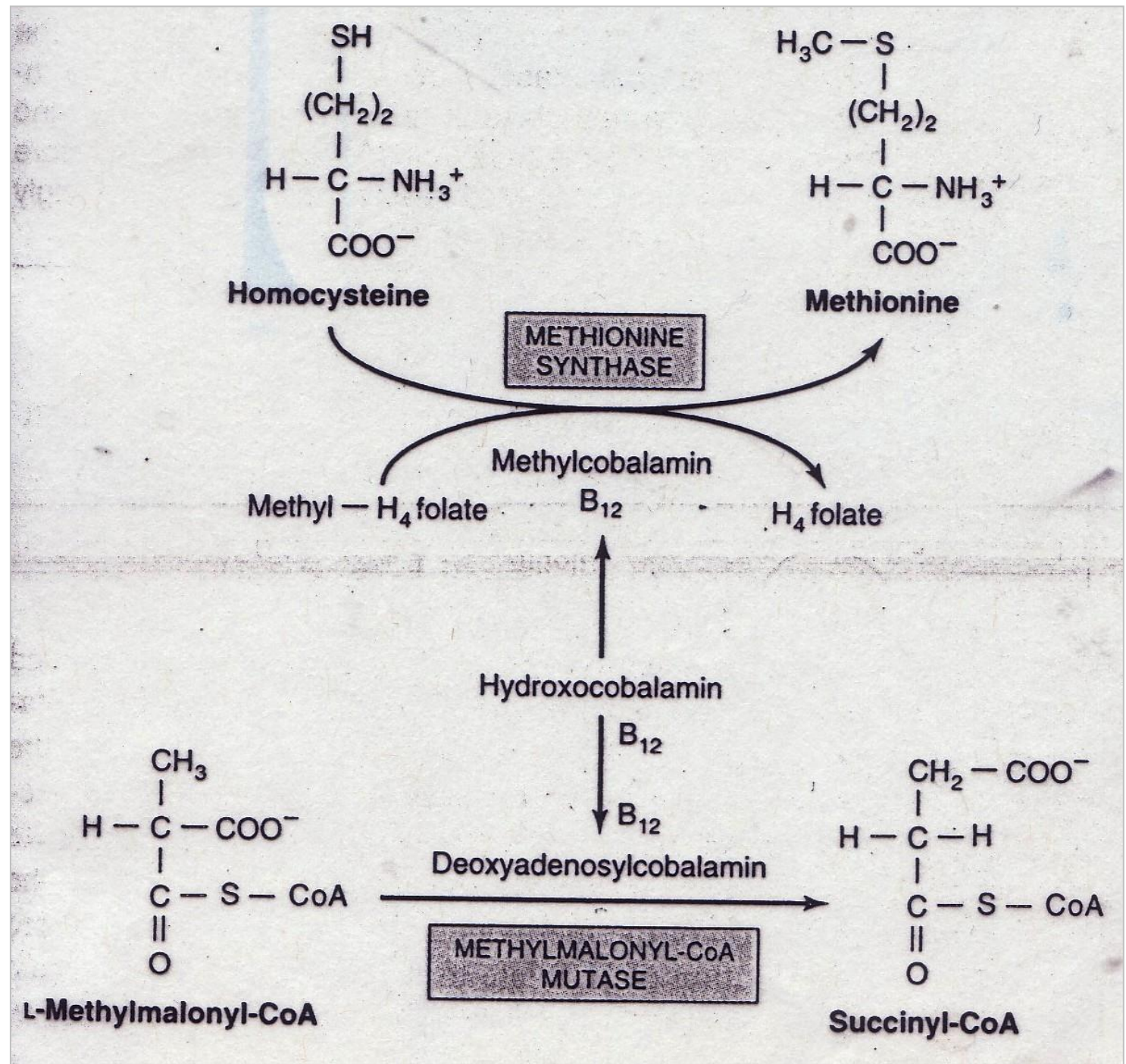
- Known as the "red" vitamin because it exists as a dark red crystalline compound, Vitamin B12 is unique in that it is the only vitamin to contain cobalt ( $\text{Co}^{3+}$ ) metal ion, which, gives it the red color.
- The vitamin must be hydrolyzed from protein in order to be active.
- Intrinsic factor, a protein secreted by parietal cells of the stomach, carries it to the ileum where it is absorbed.
- It is transported to the liver and other tissues in the blood bound to transcobalamin II.
- It is stored in the liver attached to transcobalamin I.
  - It is released into the cell as Hydroxocobalamin (*see the next slide*)
    - In the cytosol it is converted to methylcobalamin.
    - Or it can enter mitochondria and be converted to 5'-deoxyadenosyl cobalamin.



Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin  
(1910-1994)



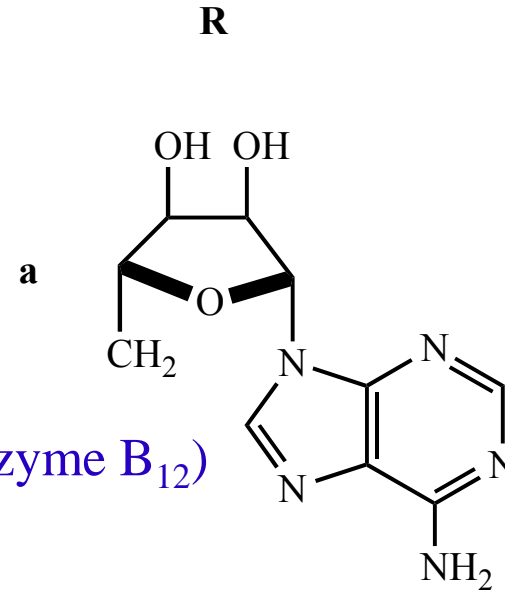
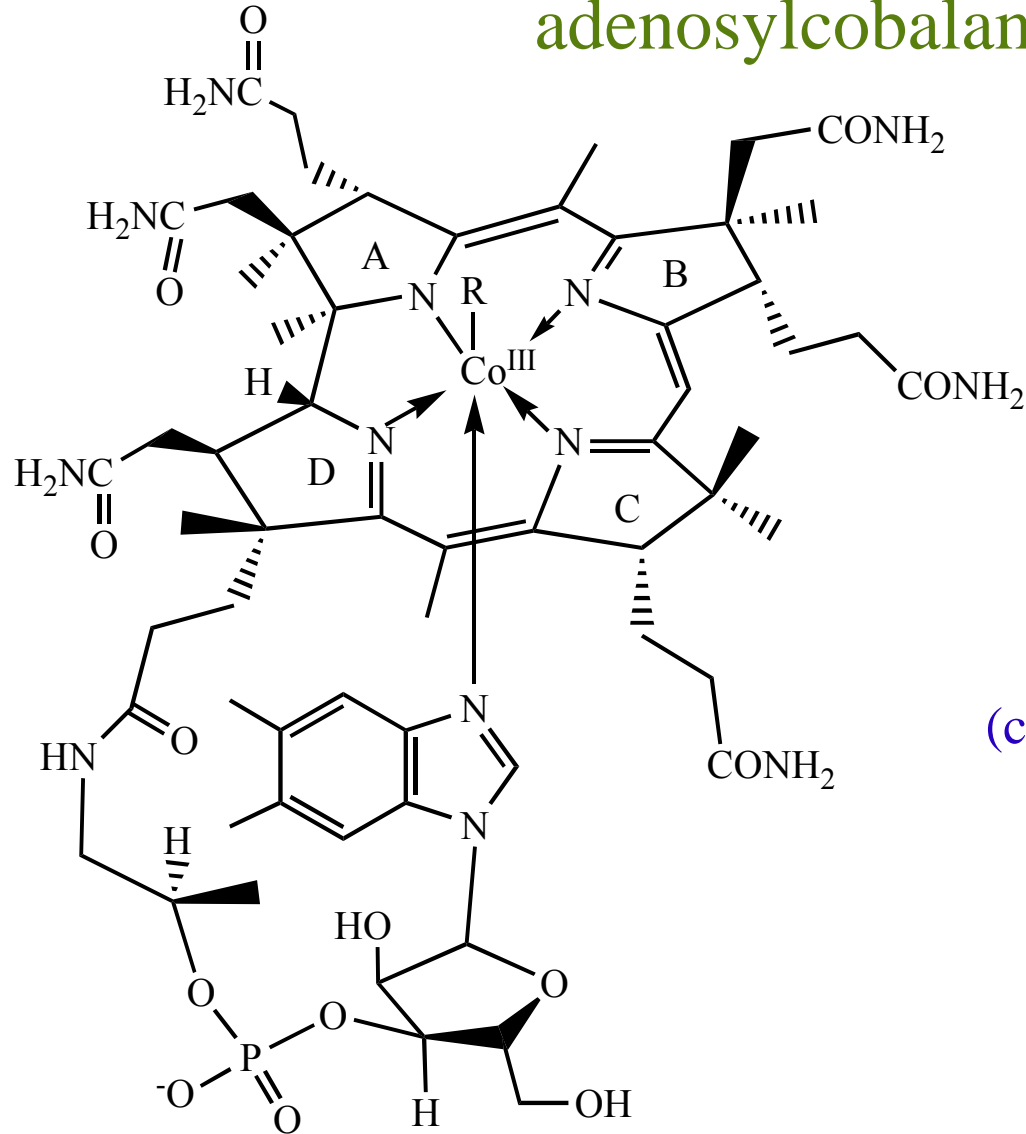
Dr. Stadtman in her lab





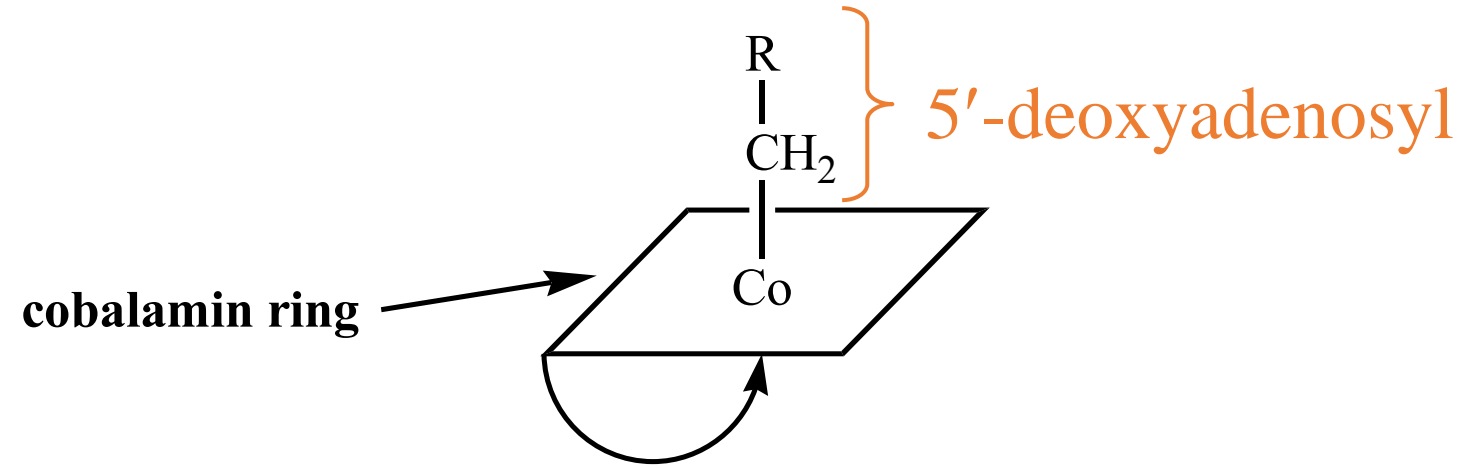
# Coenzyme B<sub>12</sub> Rearrangements

## adenosylcobalamin



(coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>)

**b** H<sub>2</sub>O (vitamin B<sub>12</sub>)

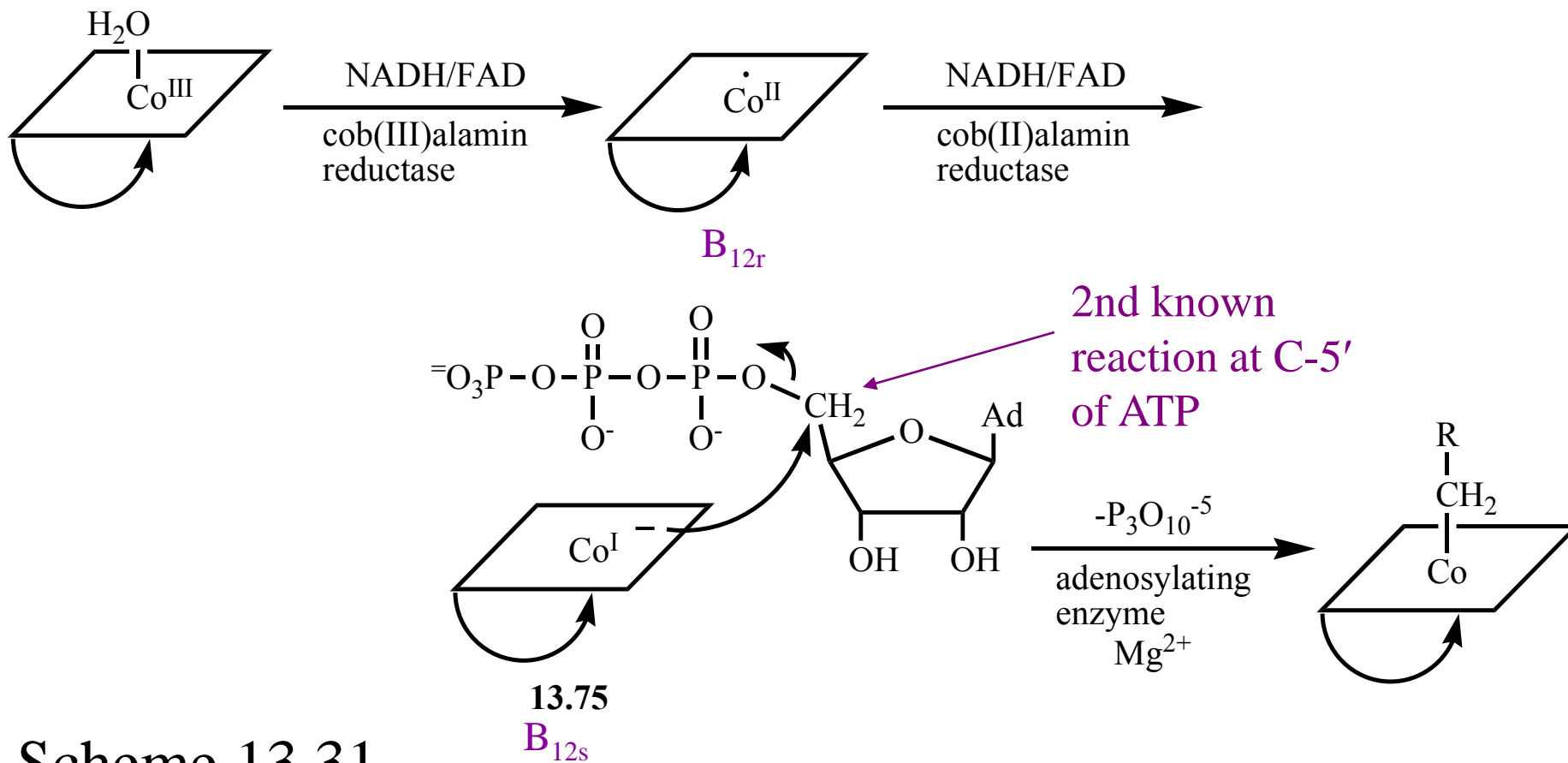


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abbreviation for coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>

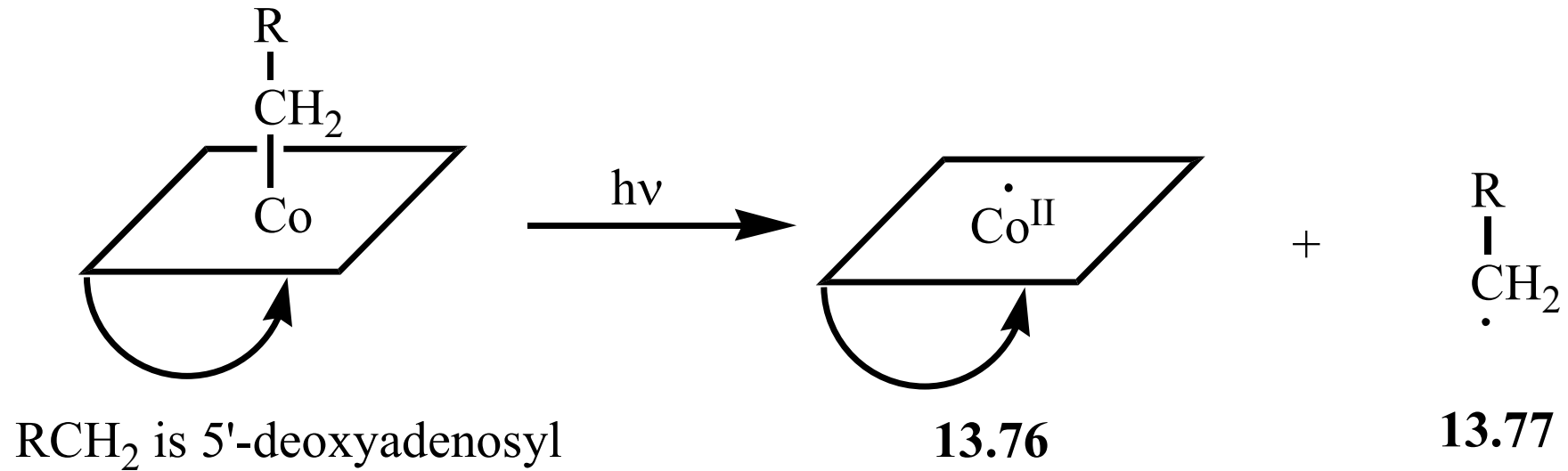
# Conversion of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> to Coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>

## Bioynthesis of coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>



Scheme 13.31

# Light Sensitivity of the Co-C Bond of Coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>

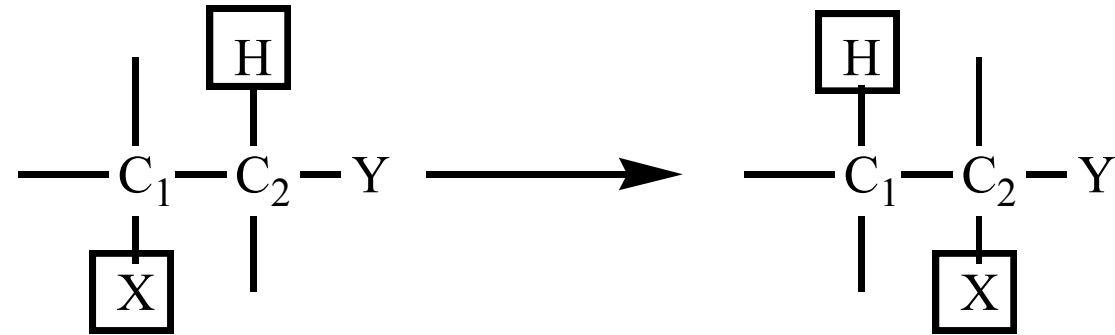


Scheme 13.32

**Table 13.1. CoenzymeB<sub>12</sub>-DependentEnzyme-CatalyzedReactions**

Enzyme	Reaction Catalyzed
<b>CARBON SKELETAL REARRANGEMENTS</b>	
Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase	$\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-COSCoA} \rightleftharpoons \text{HOOC}-\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}\text{-COSCoA}$
2-Methyleneglutarate mutase	$\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{C}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{CH}_2}{\parallel}} \rightleftharpoons \text{HOOC}-\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\overset{\text{C}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{CH}_2}{\parallel}}$
Glutamate mutase	$\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{HOOC}-\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }}$
Isobutyryl-CoA mutase	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-COSCoA} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{C}-\overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}\text{-COSCoA}$
<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	
Diol dehydratase	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}}{\underset{\text{OH}}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{RCH}_2\text{CHO}$ <p style="text-align: center;">R = CH<sub>3</sub> or H</p>
Glycerol dehydratase	$\text{HOCH}_2-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}}{\underset{\text{OH}}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{HOCH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$
Ethanolamine ammonia lyase	$\overset{\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$
<b>ISOMERIZATIONS</b>	
L-b-Lysine-5,6-aminomutase	$\text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{CHCH}_2-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{C}-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CHCH}_2-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }$
D-Omithine-4,5-aminomutase	$\text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{C}-\overset{\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-\text{COOH}}{\underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }} \underset{\text{NH}_2}{ }$
<b>REDUCTION</b>	
Ribonucleotide reductase	

# General Form of Coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>- Dependent Rearrangements



X is alkyl, acyl, or electronegative group

Scheme 13.33

# Three Examples of Coenzyme B<sub>12</sub> Rearrangements

Figure 13.2

