

# CARBOXYPEPTIDASES



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# PEPTIDASES

- Proteolytic enzymes
- Broad spectrum of functions
- Medicine
- Biological processes

**Dual classification depending on the cleavage they perform:**

Endopeptidases

Exopeptidases →

Carboxypeptidases

**Residue that is essential for catalysis:**

- Serine proteases
- Cysteine proteases
- Aspartic acid proteases
- Threonine proteases
- Glutamic acid proteases
- Metalloproteases

# CARBOXYPEPTIDASES CLASSIFICATION

## By active site mechanism

Metallocarboxypeptidases



Enzymes that use a metal in the active site

Serine carboxypeptidases



Enzymes that use a serine in the active site

Cysteine carboxypeptidase



Enzymes that use a cysteine in the active site

## By substrate preference

Carboxypeptidases A



Aromatic/aliphatic residues

Carboxypeptidases B



Basic residues

# MEROPS CLASSIFICATION

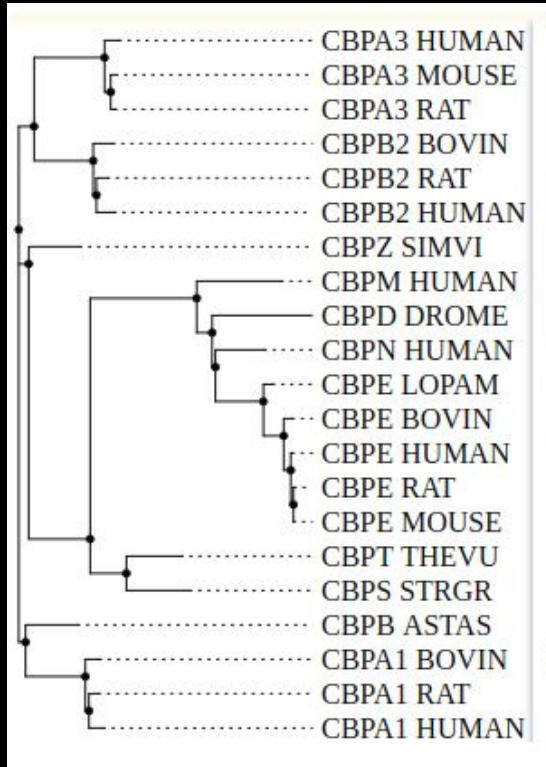
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MC	M14	M14A	Carboxypeptidase A
		M14B	Carboxypeptidase E
		M14C	Gamma-D-glutamyl-(L)-meso-diaminopimelate peptidase I
		M14D	Cytosolic carboxypeptidase 6

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/merops/cgi-bin/famsum?family=M14>

# SCOP CLASSIFICATION

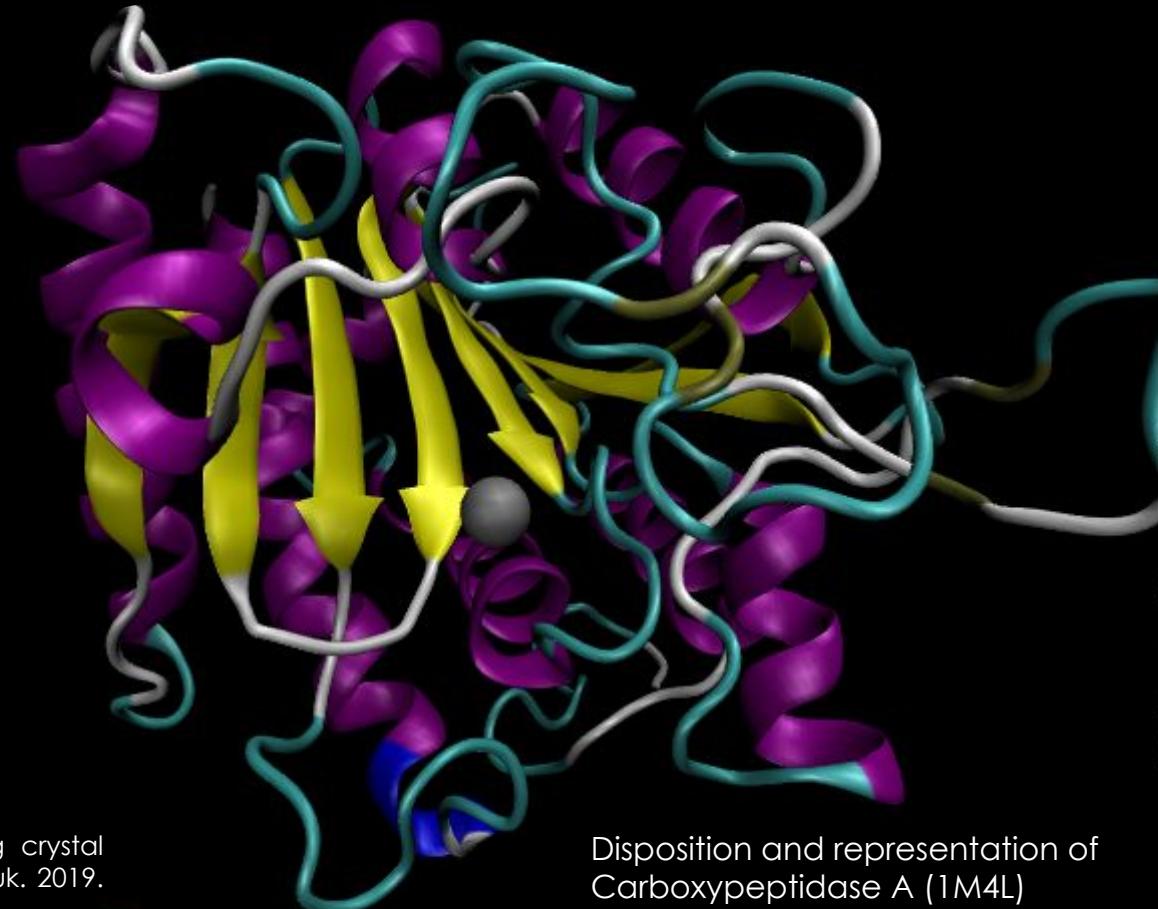
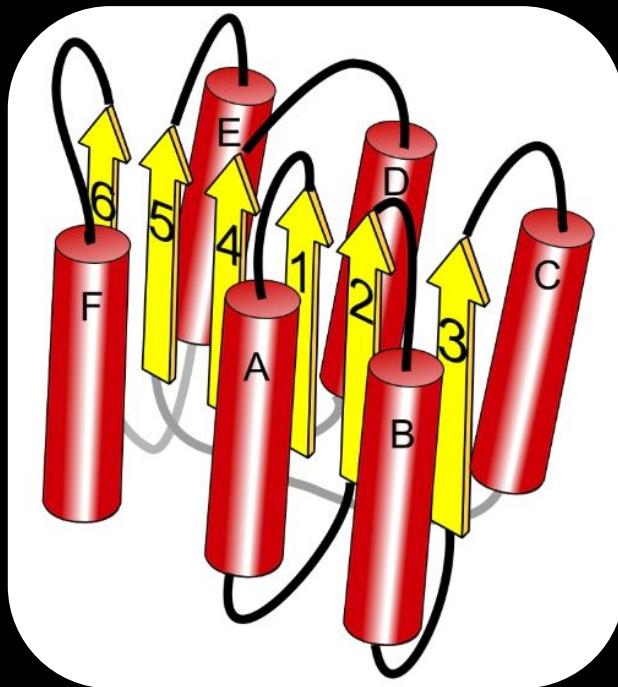
Class	Fold	Superfamily	Family
Alpha and beta proteins (a/b)	Phosphorylase /hydrolase-like	Zn-dependent exopeptidases	Pancreatic carboxypeptidases Carboxypeptidase T Leucine aminopeptidase, C-terminal domain Bacterial dinuclear zin exopeptidases FolH catalytic domain-like N-acetylmuramoyl-L-alanine amidase-like AstE/AspA-like Glutaminyl-peptide cyclotransferase-like FGase-like

# CARBOXYPEPTIDASES EVOLUTION



- Phylogenetic tree
- Carboxypeptidases A and B
- Mast cells
- Regulatory Carboxypeptidases

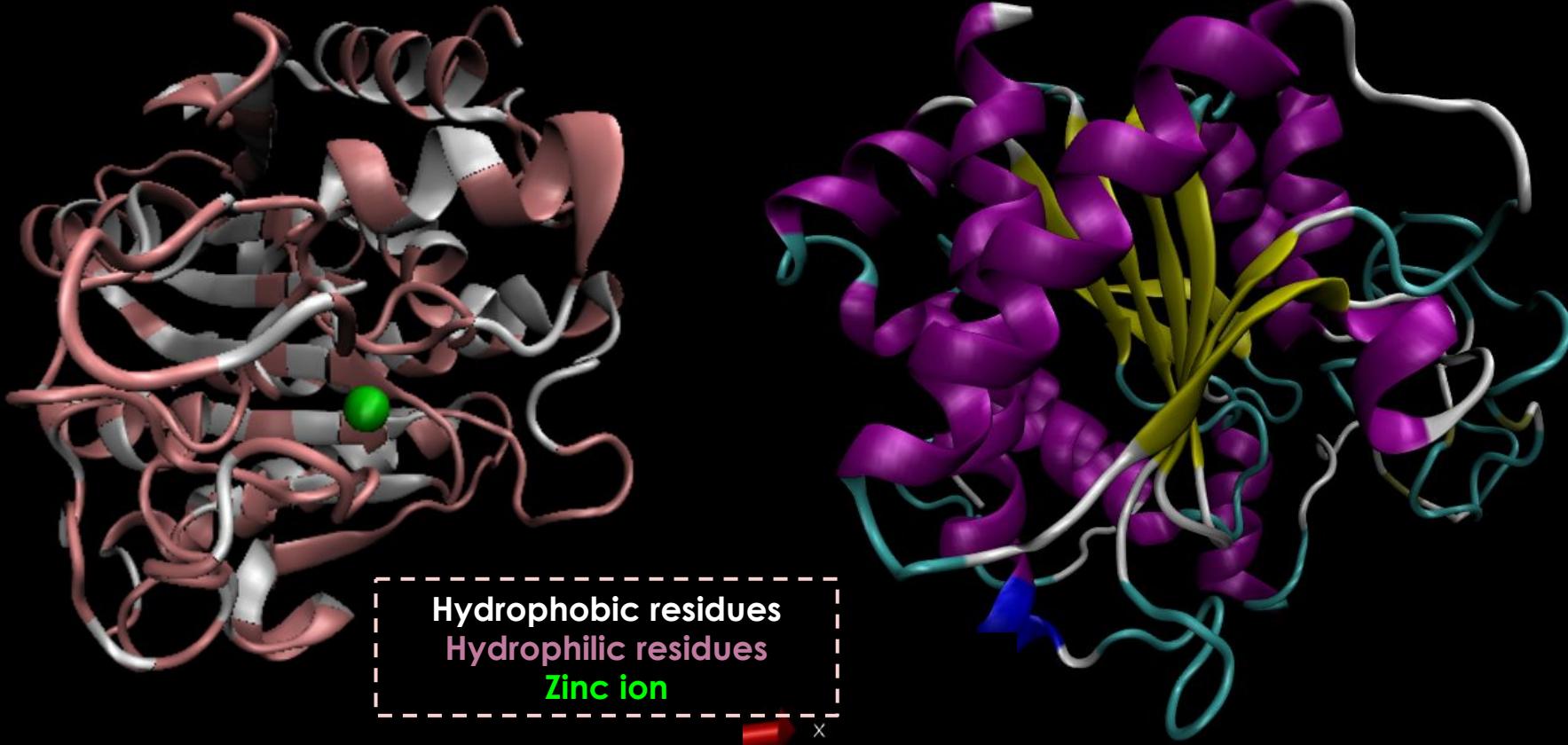
# Scaffold



Europe P. Phaser - a "stunning" method for solving crystal structures < Quips < PDBe < EMBL-EBI [Internet]. Ebi.ac.uk. 2019. Available from:  
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Disposition and representation of Carboxypeptidase A (1M4L)

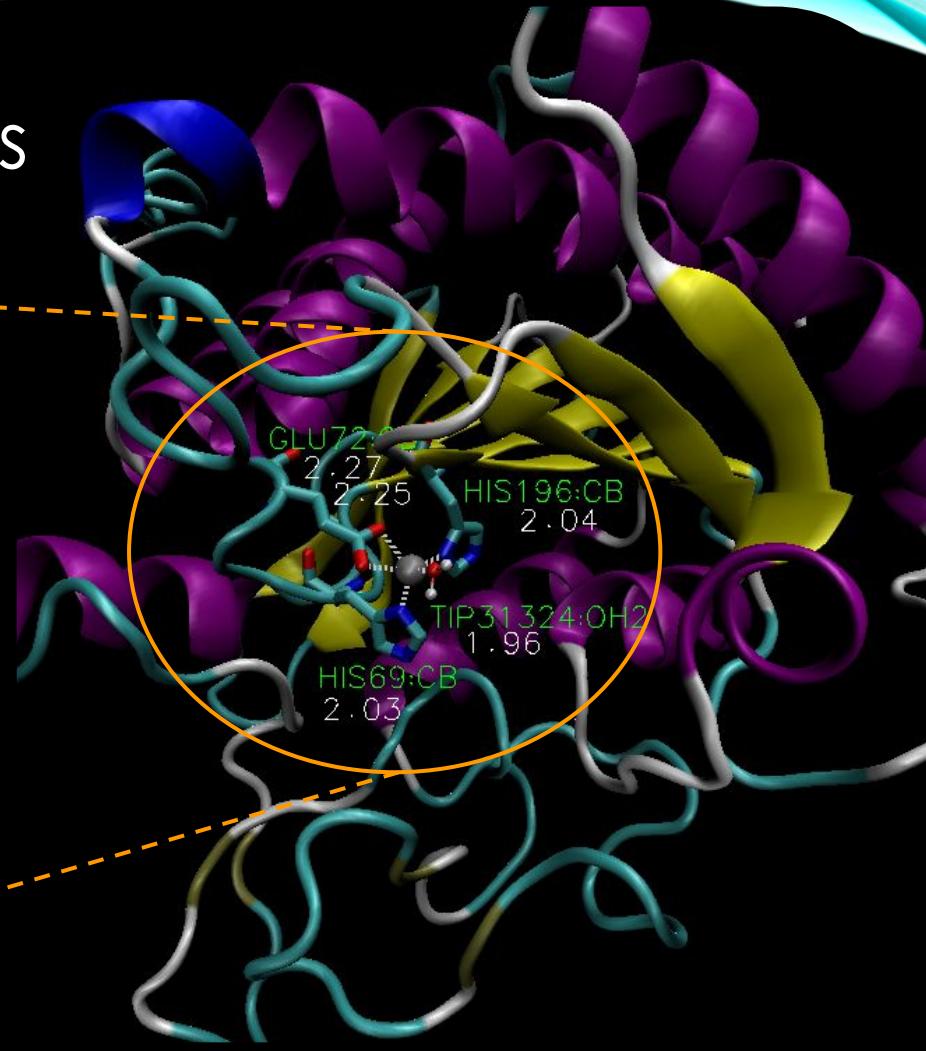
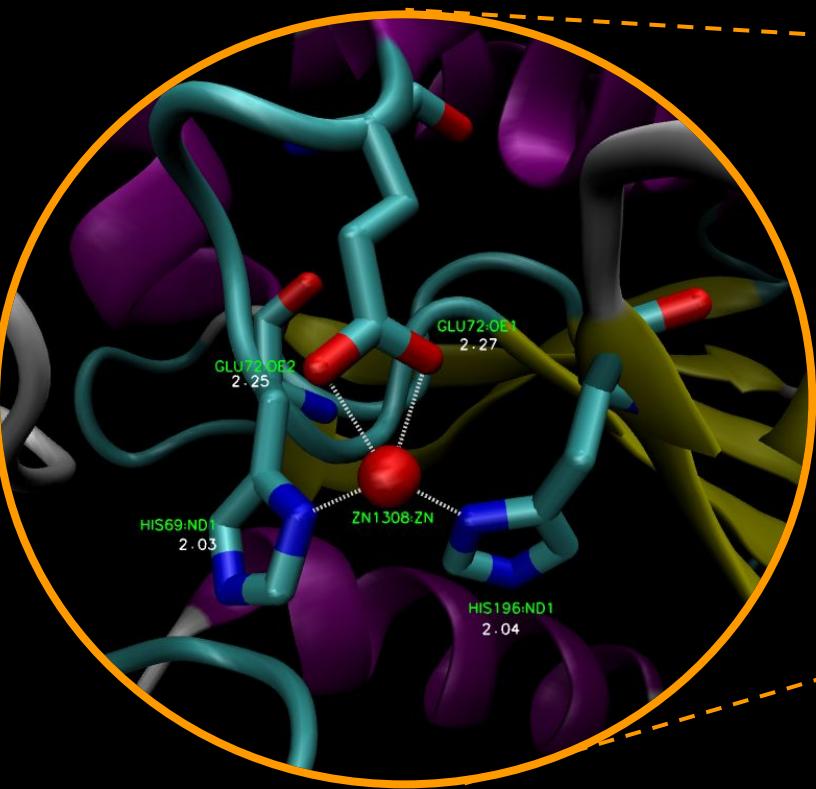
# Bovine Carboxypeptidase A



The background features a series of horizontal bands of color, transitioning from red and orange on the left to green and blue on the right, set against a black background.

# CATALYTIC SITE

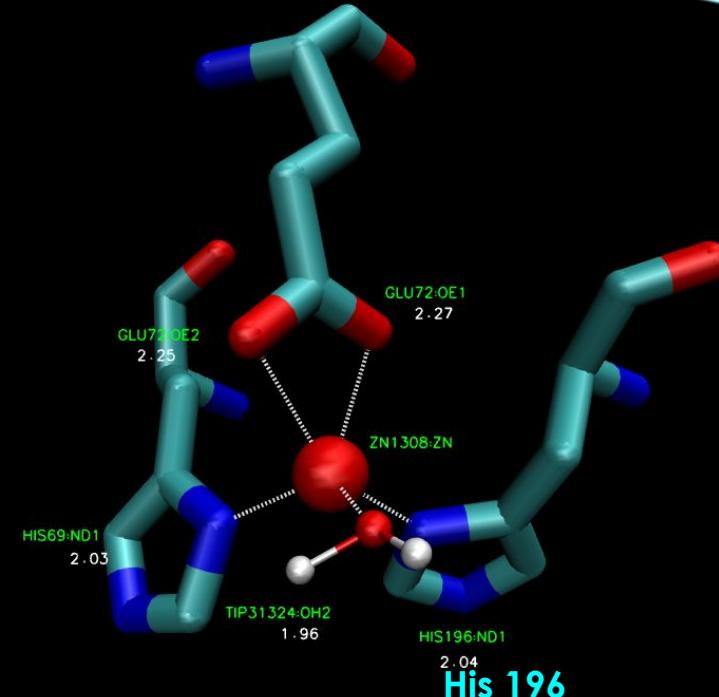
# Zn coordination residues



# Zn coordination

His 60 Glu 72

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CBPA1_MOUSE	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITKDYGQEPT
CBPA1_BOVIN	HSREWITQATGVWFAKKFTEDYQDPS
CBPA1_HUMAN	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITQDYGQDAA
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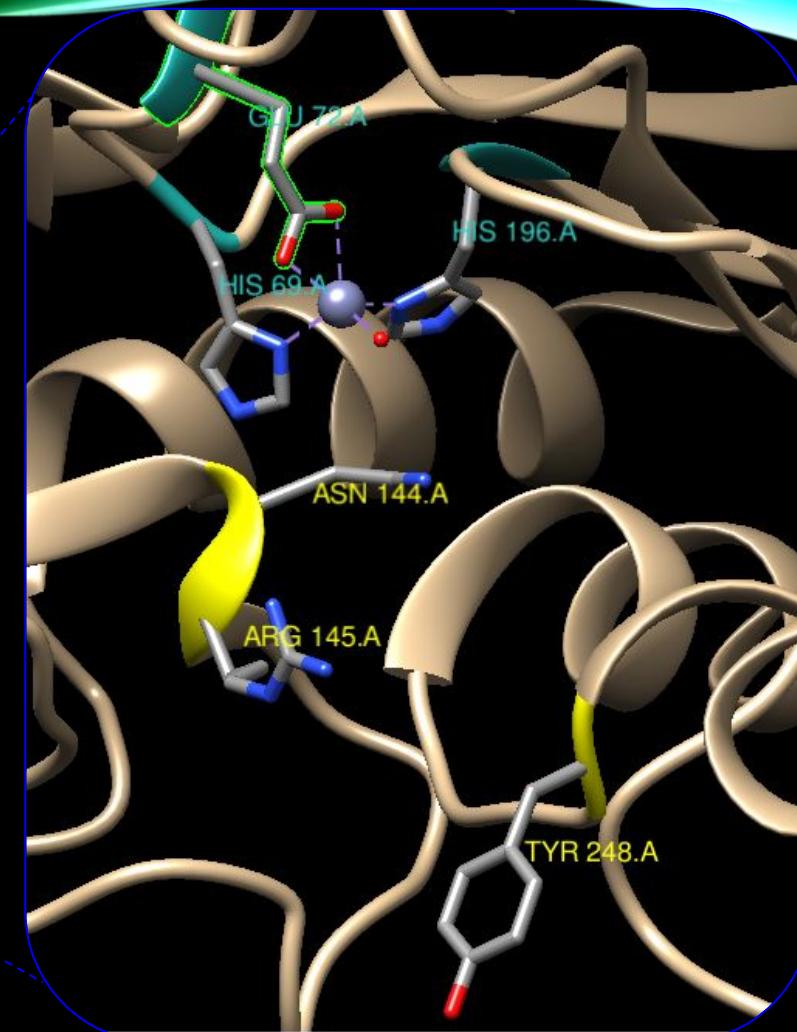
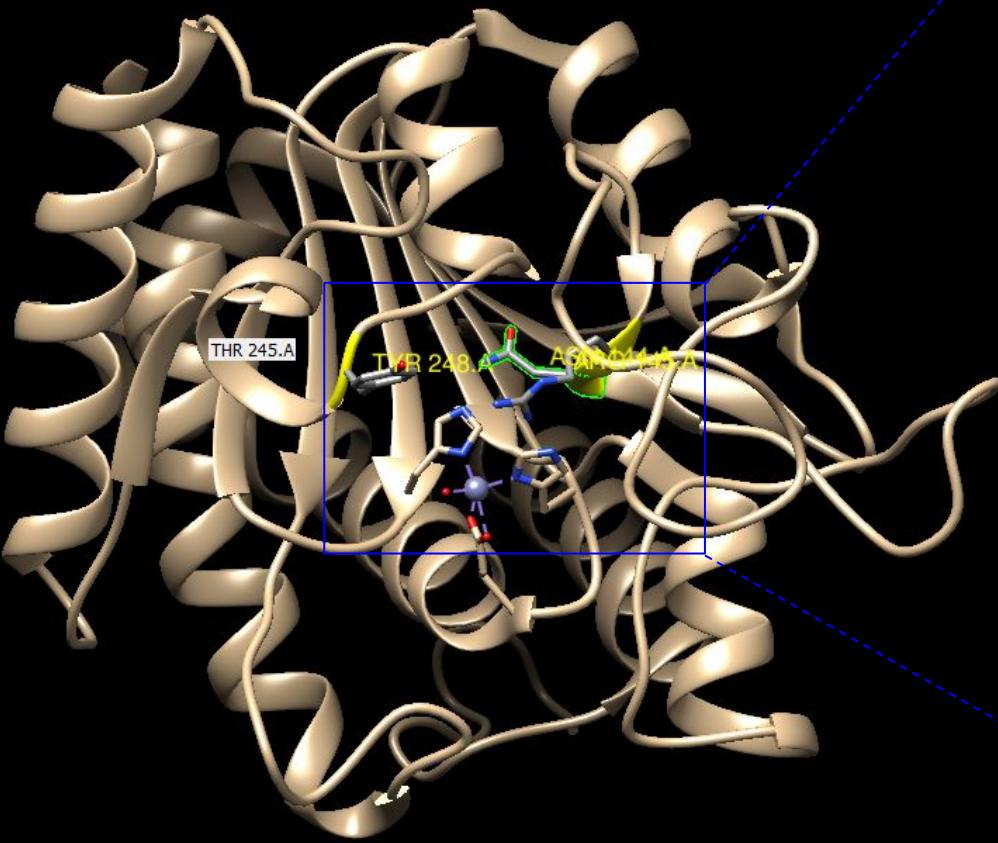


His 196

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CBPA1_MOUSE	TRSHTEGSCLCVGVDPNRNWDAFGMPGASSNPCSETYRGKFPNSEVEVKSIVDFVTS
CBPA1_HUMAN	TRSHTAGSCLIGVDPNRNWDAFGGLSGASSNPCSETYHGKFANSEVEVKSIVDFVKDH
CBPA1_PIG	TRSRTSGSFCVGVDPNRNWDAFGGGAGASSNPCSETYHGKFPNSEVEVKSIVDFVNDH
CBPA1_BOVIN	TRSVTSSSLCVGVDANRNWDAGFGKAGASSSPCSETYHGKYANSEVEVKSIVDFVKDH
CBPA2_HUMAN	TRSKVSGSCLCVGVDPNRNWDAFGGGPGASSNPCSDSYHGPSANSEVEVKSIVDFFIKSH
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Residues His 69, His 196 and Glu 72 are conserved among species.

# S1' subsite



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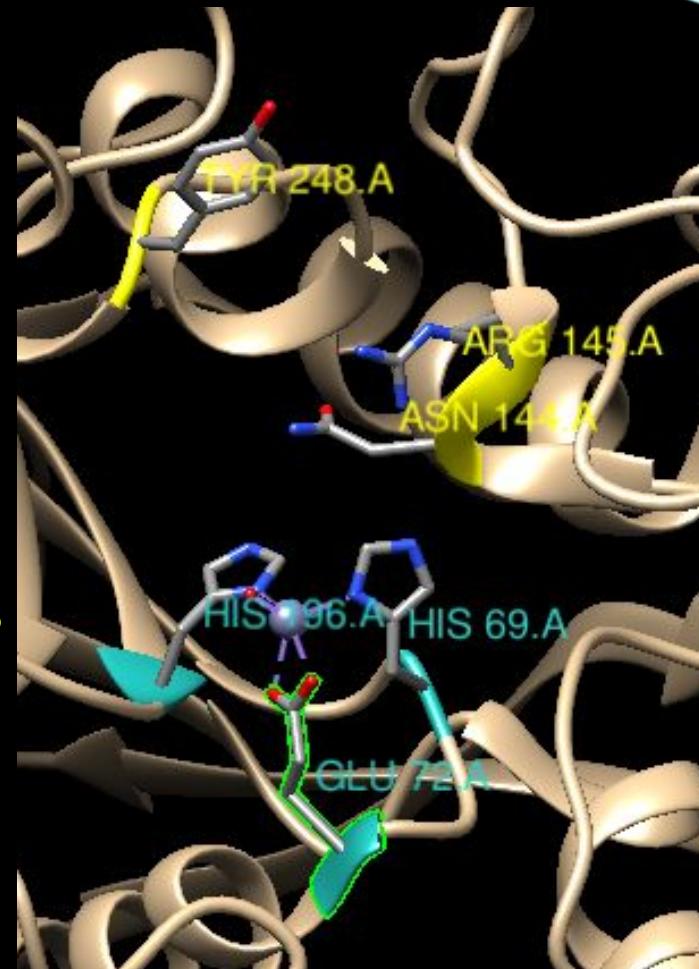
## Asn 144-Arg 145

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CBPA1\_MOUSE  
CBPA1\_HUMAN  
CBPA1\_PIG  
CBPA1\_BOVIN  
CBPA2\_HUMAN

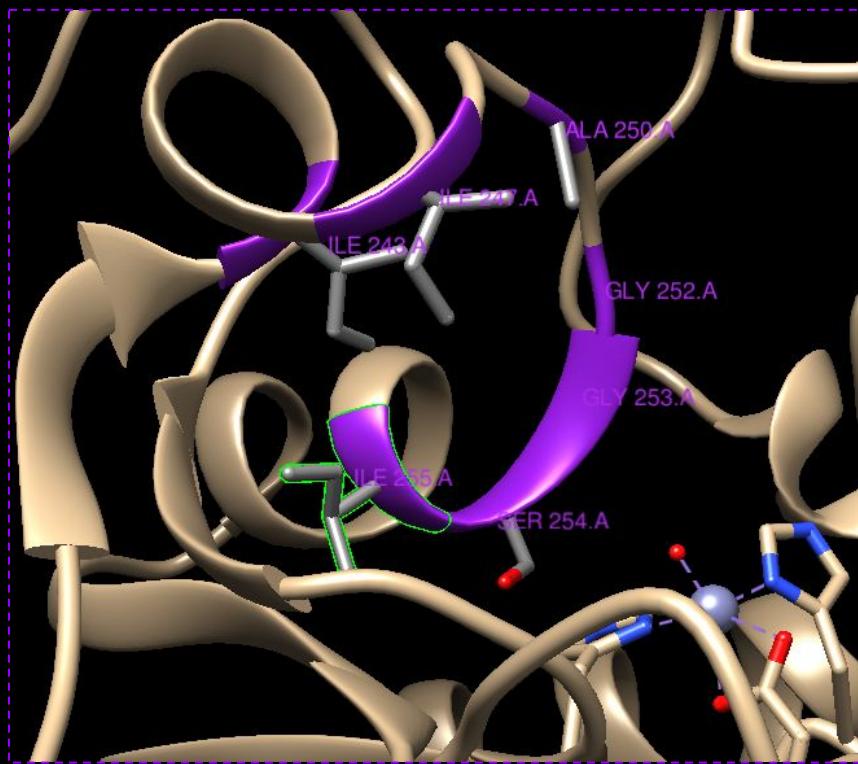
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## Tyr 248

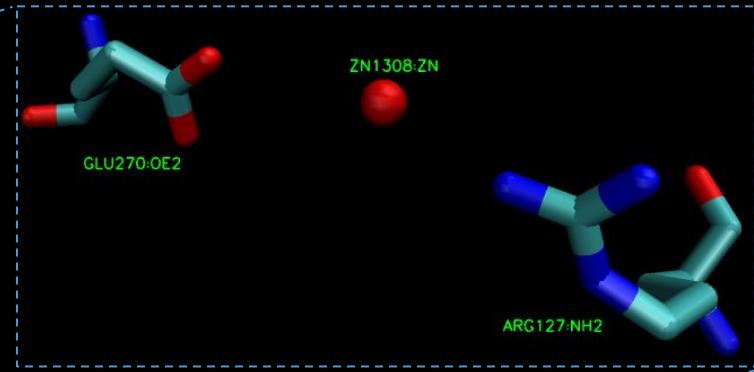
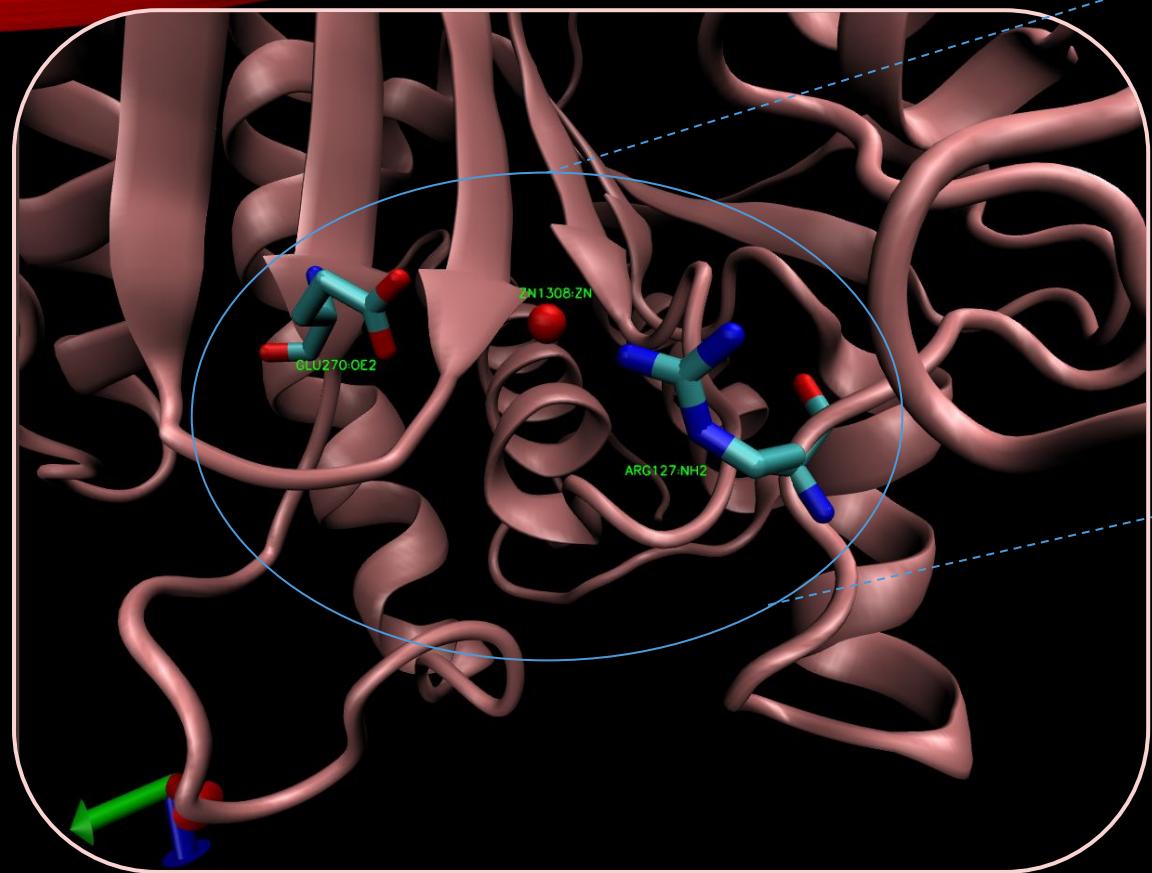
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# Hydrophobic Pocket



# S1 subsite



# S1 Subsite

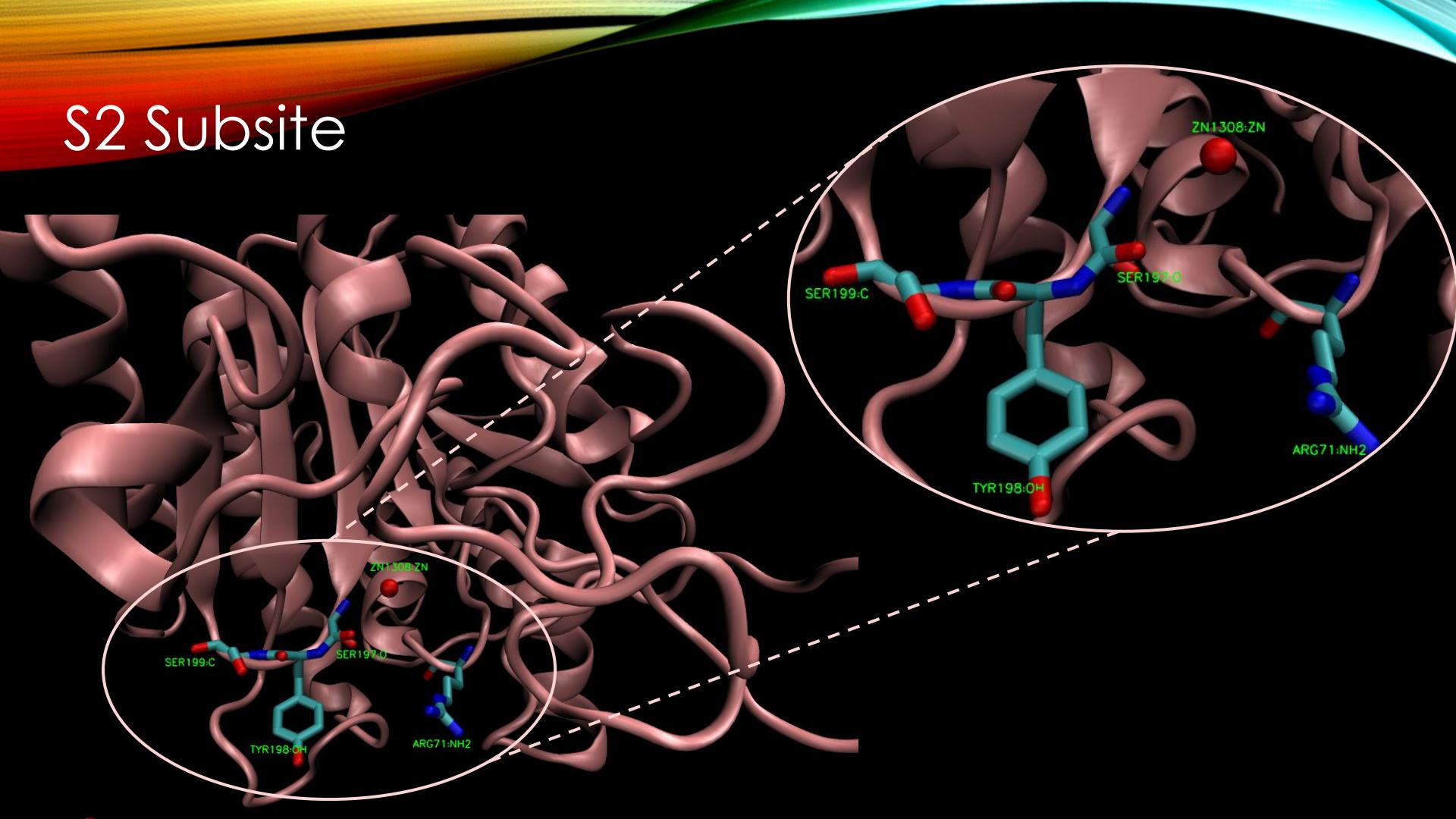
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CBPA1_BOVIN	HSREWITQATGVWFACKFTEDYQDPSFTAILDSMDIFLEIVTNPDGFATHSQNRLWRK
CBPA1_HUMAN	HSREWVTQASGVWFACKITQDYGQDAAFTAILDTLDIFLEIVTNPDGFATHSTNRMWRK
CBPA1_PIG	HSREWVTQASGVWFACKITEDYQDPAFTAILDNLDIFLEIVTNPDGFATHSENRMWRK
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Glu 270

CBPA2_HUMAN	QASGGSIDWSYDYGKYSFAFELRDTGRYGFLLPARQILPTAEETWLGLKAIIMEHVRDHP
CBPA1_RAT	QASGSTIDWTYSQGIKYSFTFELRDTGLRGFLLPASQIIPTAEETWLALLTIMDHTVKHP
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# S2 Subsite



# S2 Subsite

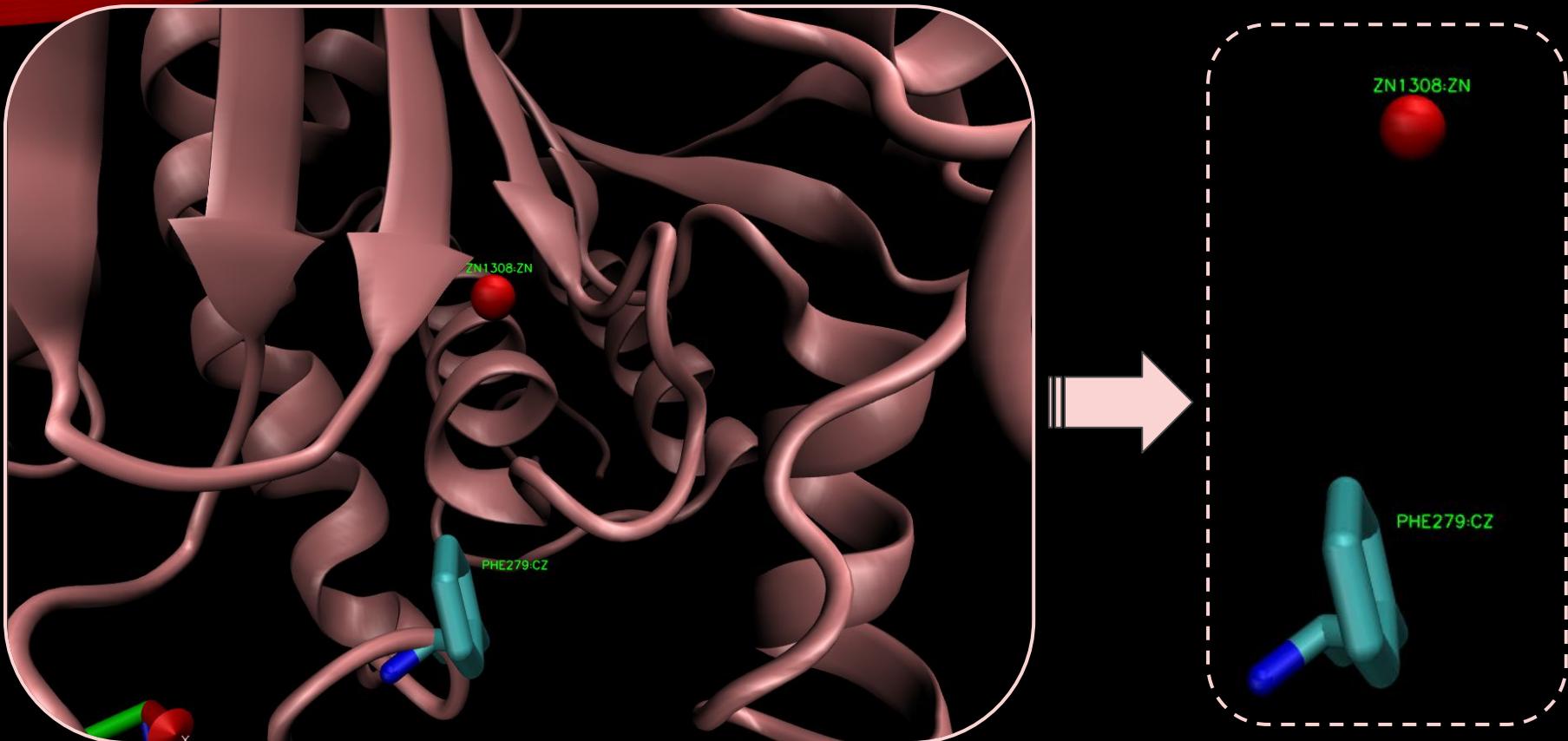
## Arg 71

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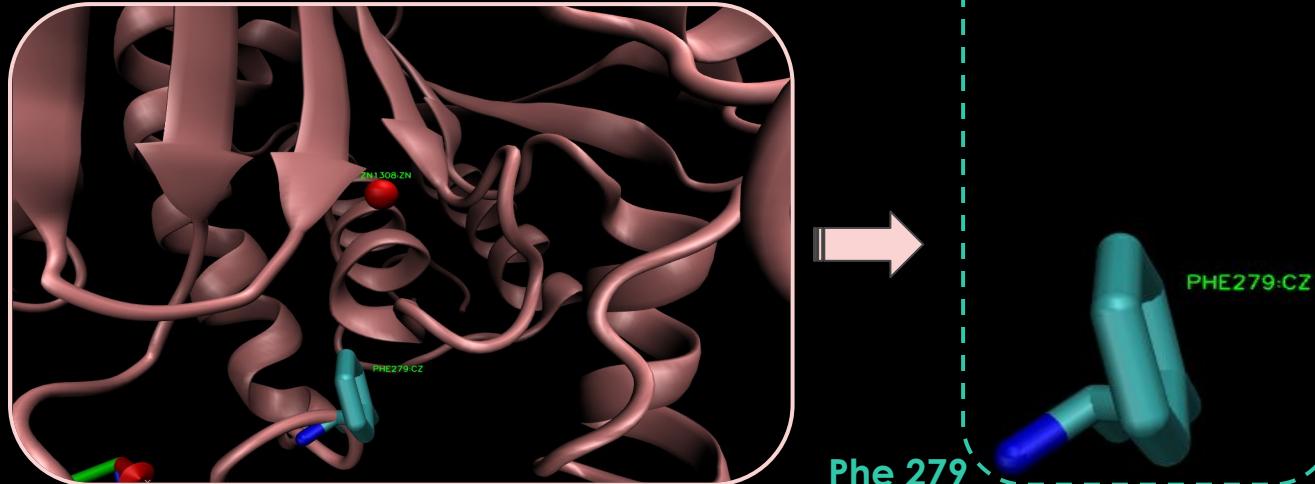
## Ser 197/Tyr 198/Ser 199

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CBPA1_RAT	IKA FISI H S YSQ LL L PY GYT SE P A P D Q A E L D Q L A K S A V T A L T S L H G T K F K Y G S I I D T I Y
CBPA1_MOUSE	IKA FISI H S YSQ LL L PY GYT SE P A P D K E E L D Q L A K S A V T A L T S L H G T K F K Y G S I I D T I Y
CBPA1_BOVIN	FKA FLSI H S YSQ LL L PY GYT T Q S I P D K T E L N Q V A K S A V E A L K S L Y G T S Y K Y G S I I T T I Y
CBPA1_HUMAN	IKA FISI H S YSQ LL M PY GYK T E P V P D Q D E L D Q L S K A V T A L A S L Y G T K F N Y G S I I K A I Y
CBPA1_PIG	IKA FISI H S YSQ LL L PY GYK T E A P A D K D E L D Q I S K A V A A L T S L Y G T K F Q Y G S I I T T I Y

# S3 subsite



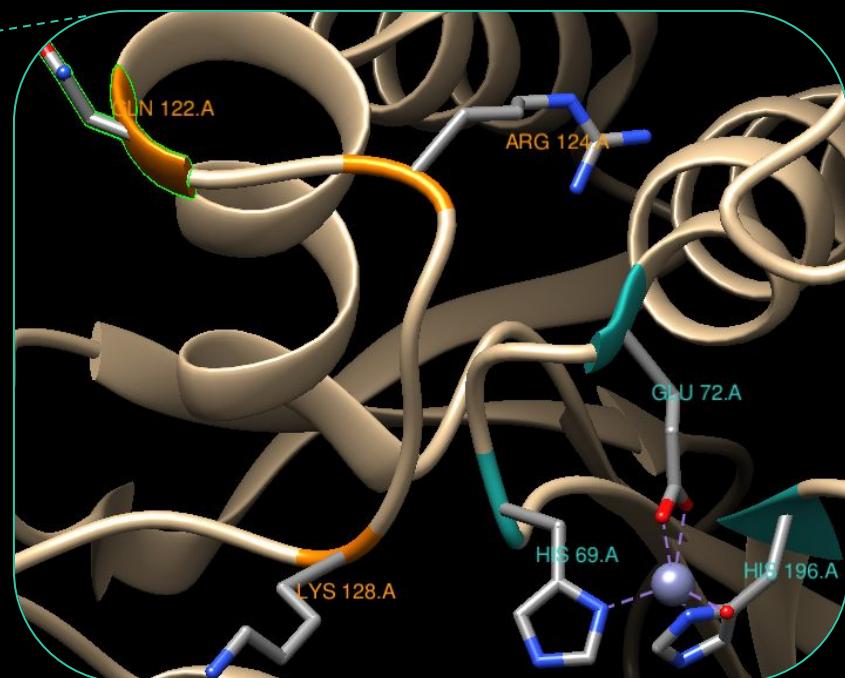
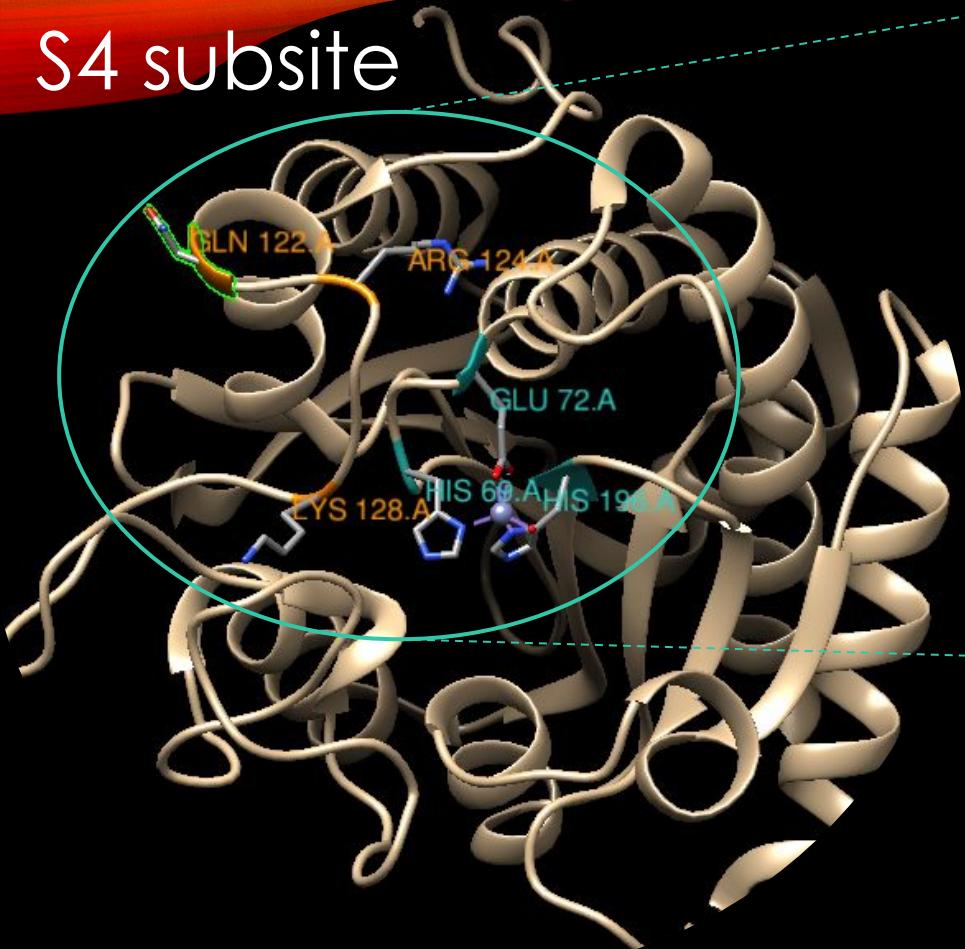
# S3 subsite conservation



CBPA2_HUMAN	QASGGSIDWSYDYG <ins>IKYSFA</ins> ELRDTGRYGF <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ARQIL</ins> PTAEETWLGLKAI <ins>MEHVRD</ins> H <ins>P</ins>
CBPA1_RAT	QASGSTIDWTYSQ <ins>GIKYSFT</ins> FELRDTGLRG <ins>F</ins> <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ASQI</ins> IPTAEETWLALLT <ins>IMDHTV</ins> K <ins>H</ins> P
CBPA1_MOUSE	QASGSTIDWTYSQ <ins>GIKYSFT</ins> FELRDTGLRG <ins>F</ins> <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ASQI</ins> IPTAEETWLALLT <ins>IMDHTV</ins> K <ins>H</ins> P
CBPA1_BOVIN	QASGGSIDWSYNQ <ins>GIKYSFT</ins> FELRDTGRYGF <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ASQI</ins> IPTAQETWLGVLT <ins>IMEHTLN</ins> N <ins>L</ins>
CBPA1_HUMAN	QASGSTIDWTYSQ <ins>GIKYSFT</ins> FELRDTGRYGF <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ASQI</ins> IPTAKETWLALLT <ins>IMEHTLN</ins> H <ins>P</ins>
CBPA1_PIG	QASGGTIDWTYNQ <ins>GIKYSFS</ins> FELRDTGRYGF <ins>LL</ins> P <ins>ASQI</ins> IPTAQETWLALLT <ins>IMEHTLN</ins> H <ins>P</ins>

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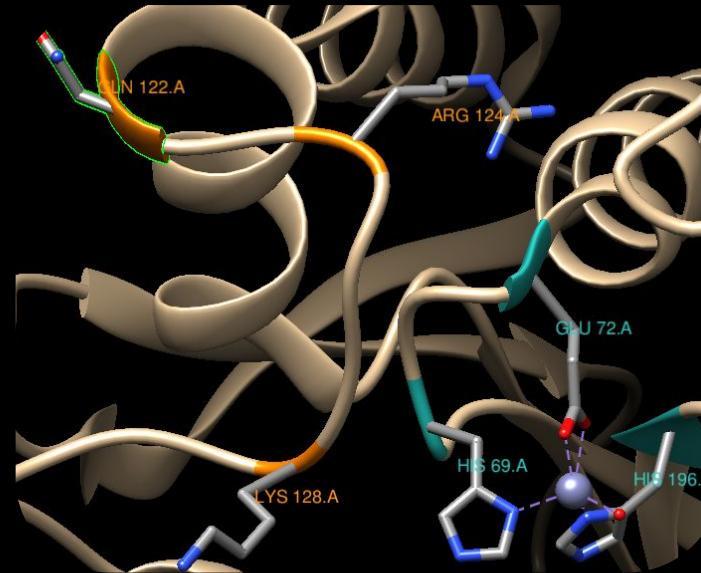
# S4 subsite



# S4 subsite alignment

Residue 122 is variable between species and between carboxypeptidases.

Despite this, the amino acid in this position conserves the polarity feature.



**Gln 122 Arg 124 Lys 128**

CBPA2_HUMAN	HAREWVTQATALWTANKIVSDYKGKDPSTSILDALDIFLLPVTNPDGYVFSQTKNRMWRK
CBPA1_RAT	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITKDYGQDPTFTAVLDNMDIFLEIIVTNPDGFAYTHKTNRMWRK
CBPA1_MOUSE	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITKDYGQEPCTLTAILDNMDIFLEIIVTNPDGFYVTHKTNRMWRK
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CBPA1_HUMAN	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITQDYGQDAAFTAILDTLDIFLEIIVTNPDGFAFTHSTNRMWRK
CBPA1_PIG	HSREWVTQASGVWFAKKITEDYGQDPAFTAILDNLIDIFLEIIVTNPDGFAFTHSENRMWRK

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# Catalytic reaction

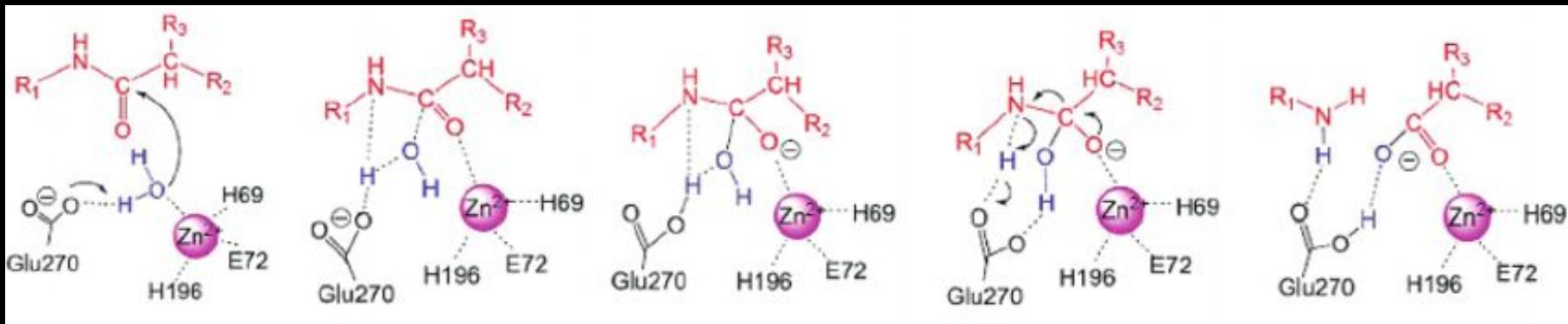
2 POSSIBLE REACTIONS  
STILL UNDER DEBATE

PROMOTED WATER

NUCLEOPHILIC OR ANHYDRIDE  
PATHWAY

Preferred mechanism

# Promoted Water (general base-general acid)

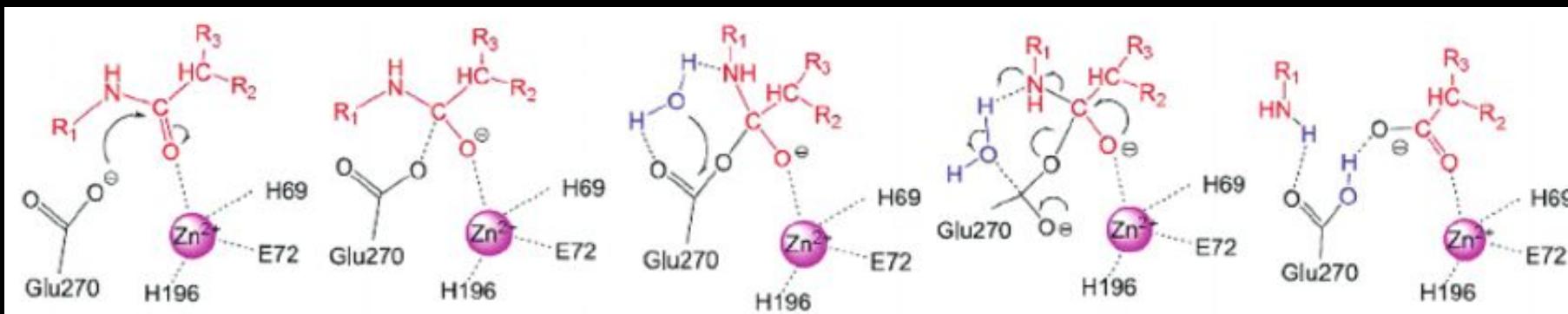


Wu S, Zhang C, Xu D, Guo H. Catalysis of Carboxypeptidase A: Promoted-Water versus Nucleophilic Pathways. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B*. 2010;114(28):9259-9267.

**STEP 1 Nucleophilic addition:** Glu 270 acts as a general base facilitating the attack of the zinc-bound water at the scissile carbonyl carbon by transferring a water  $H^+$  to a carboxylate oxygen

**STEP 2 Elimination:** Glu 270 acts as a general acid where gives the  $H^+$  to the leaving nitrogen group

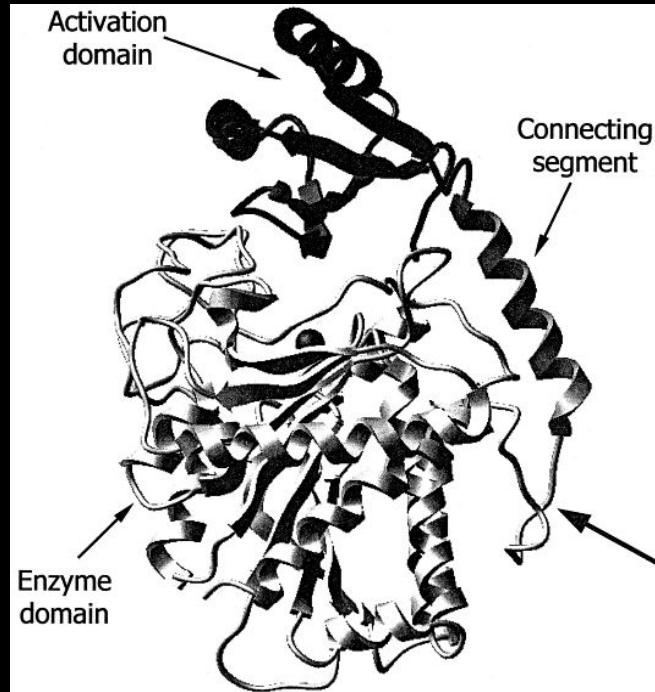
# Anhydride or nucleophilic mechanism



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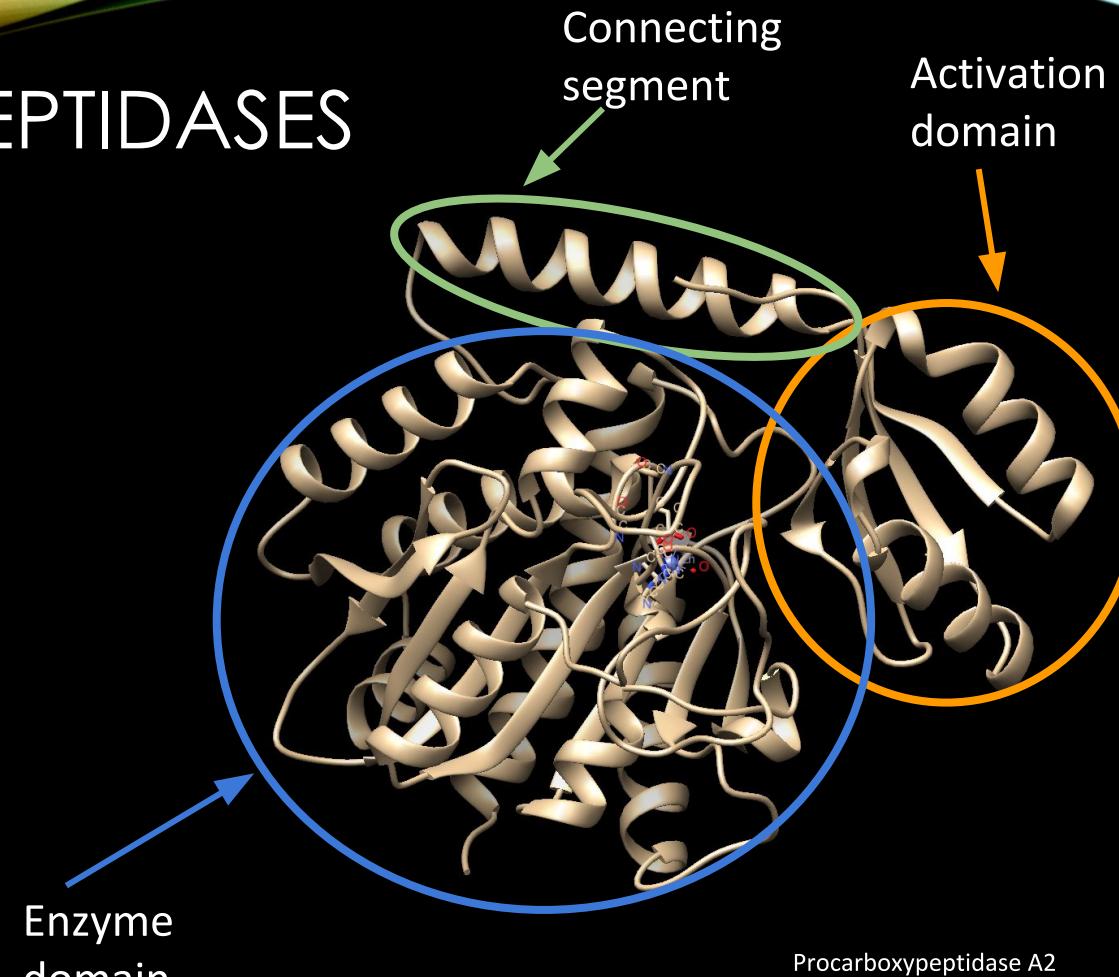
Glu 270 performs a nucleophilic attack at the scissile carbonyl carbon, this needs an acyl-enzyme intermediate which can be posteriorly hydrolysed by water.

# PROCARBOXYPEPTIDASES



Vendrell J, Querol E, Avilés F. Metallocarboxypeptidases and their protein inhibitors. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA) - Protein Structure and Molecular Enzymology*. 2000;1477(1-2):284-298.

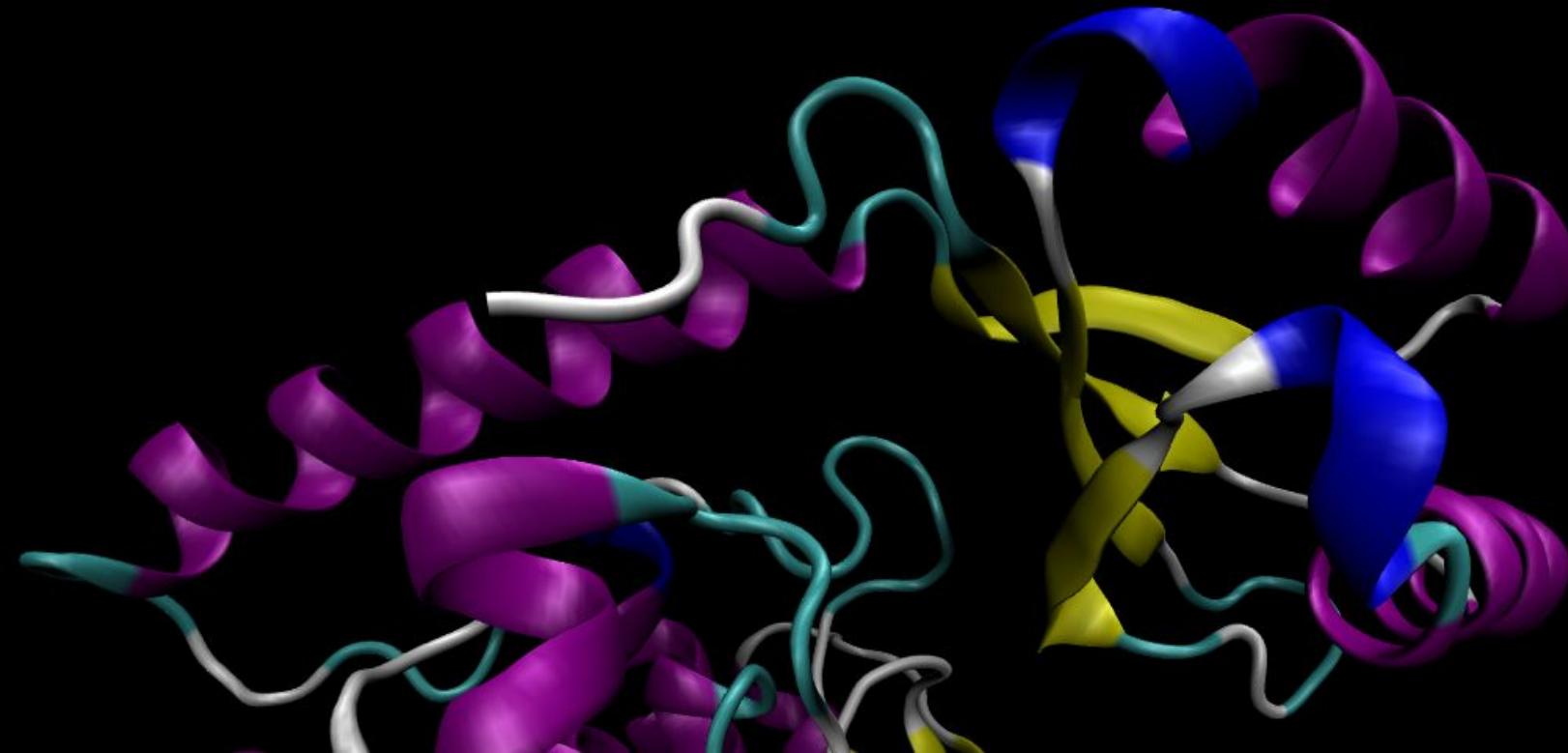
Enzyme domain



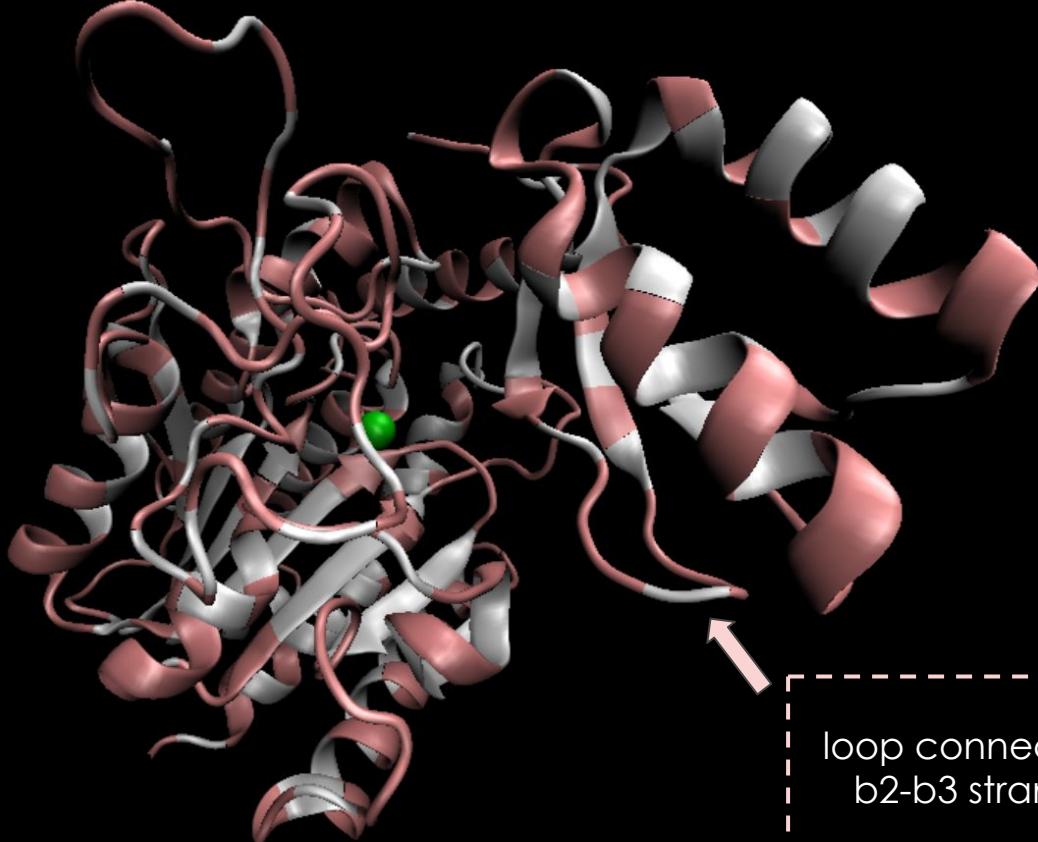
Procarboxypeptidase A2

# ACTIVATION DOMAIN

4 antiparallel  $\beta$ -strands  
3 alpha helix  
2 short  $3_{10}$  helix  
No disulfide bridges



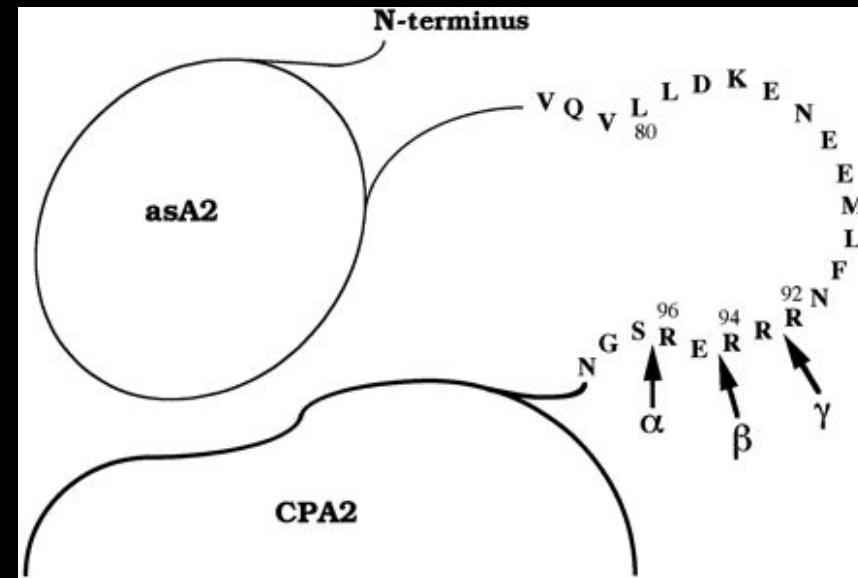
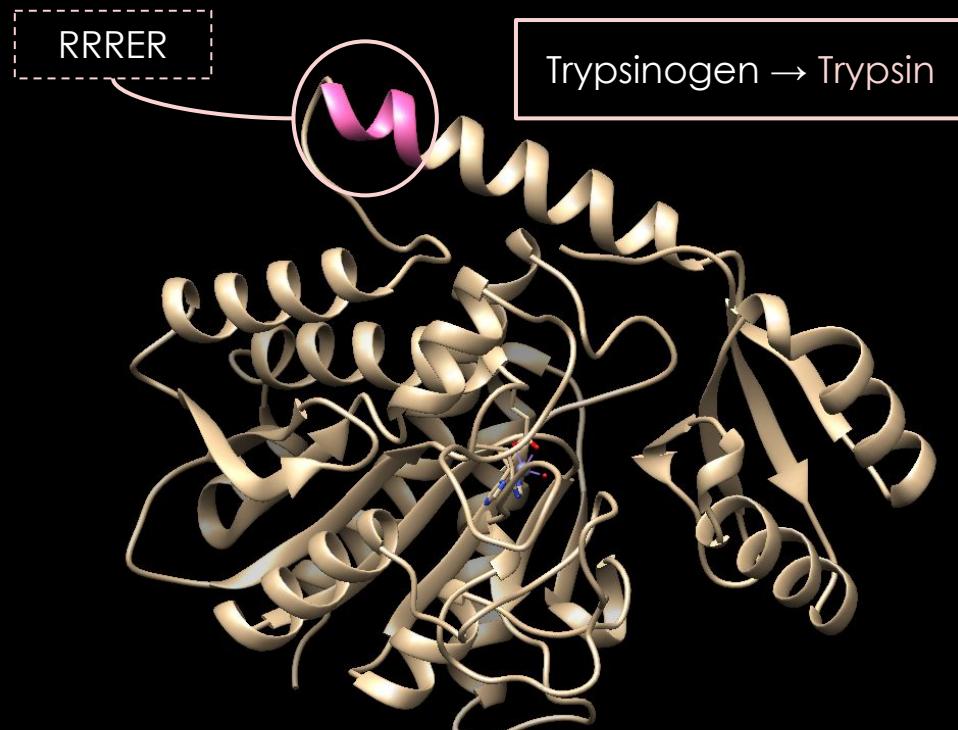
# HYDROPHOBIC AND HYDROPHILIC REGIONS



Hydrophobic residues  
Hydrophilic residues  
Zinc ion

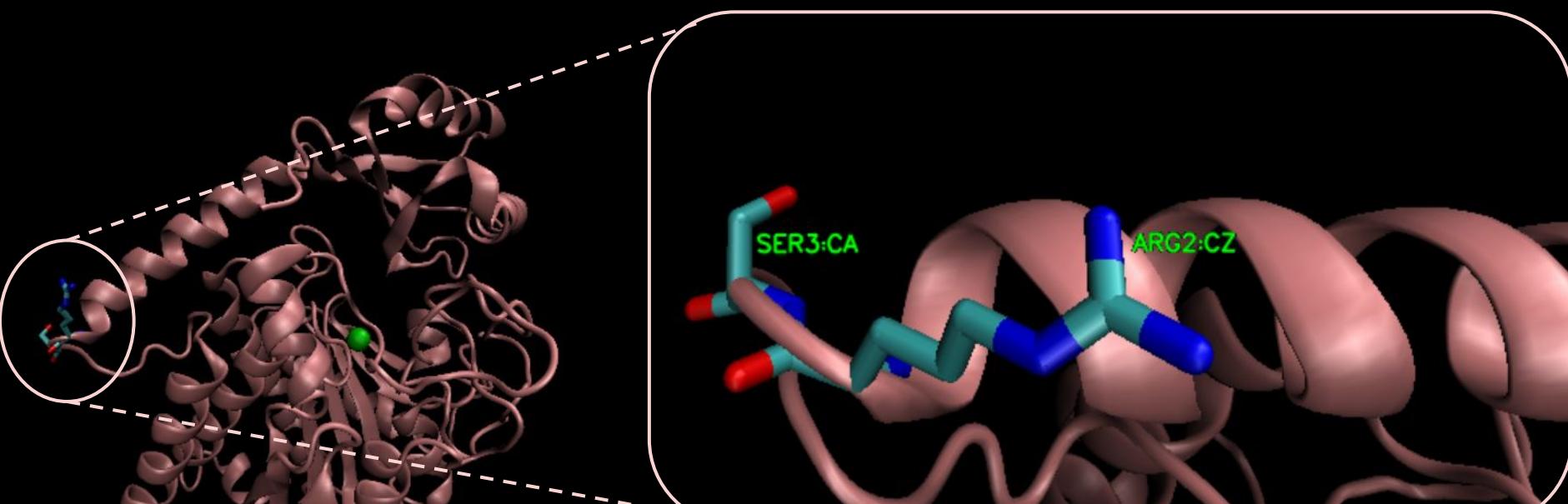
loop connecting  
b2-b3 strands

# TRYPSIN TARGET



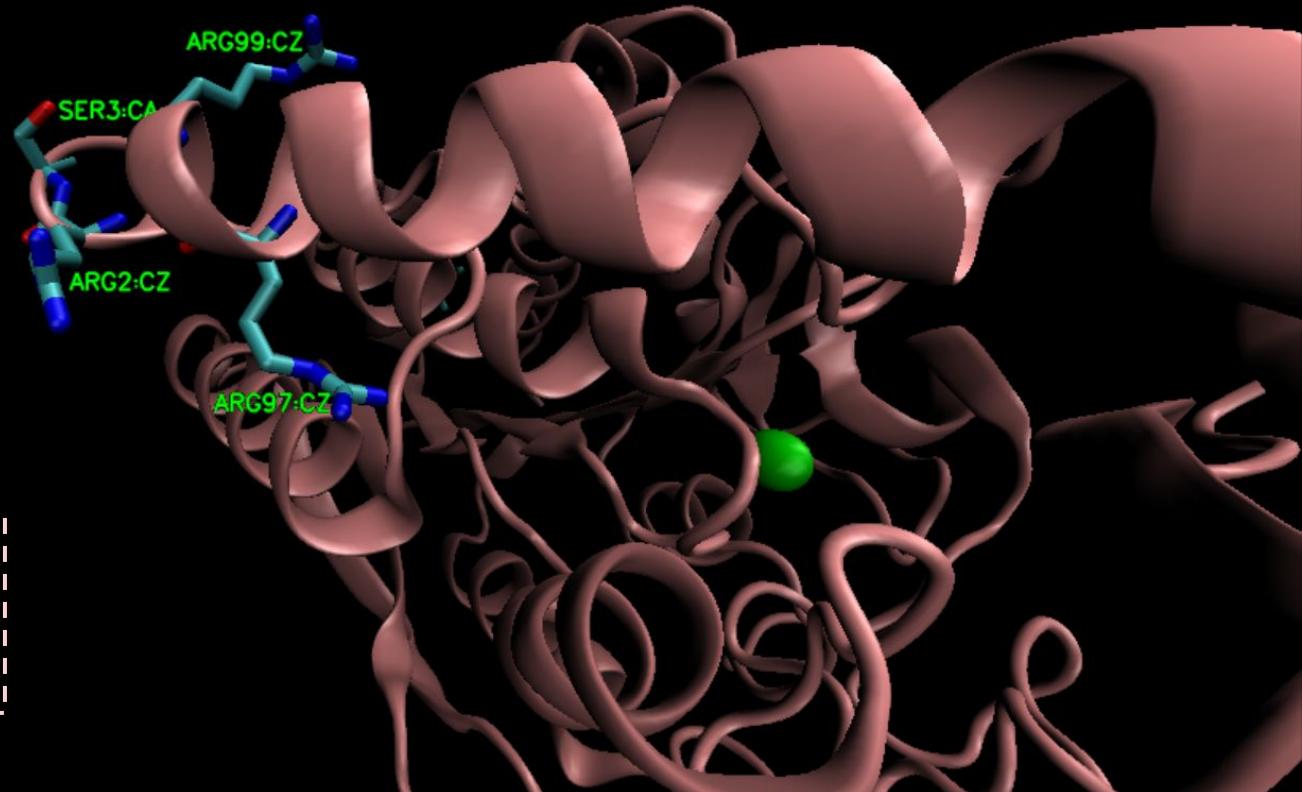
Reverter D, Ventura S, Villegas V, Vendrell J, Avilés F. Overexpression of Human Procarboxypeptidase A2 in *Pichia pastoris* and Detailed Characterization of Its Activation Pathway. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 1998;273(6):3535-3541.

# TRYPSIN CLEAVAGE 1



# TRYPSIN CLEAVAGE

- 1. Arg2-Ser3
- 2. Arg97-Arg99



- Porcine PCPA1 → 4 helix with Arg99
- Porcine PCPB → 2 helix

# ALIGNMENT PCPA2-CPA2

PCPA2 → 1AYE  
CPA2 → 1DTD

CLUSTAL 0(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

1AYE	LETFVGDDQVLEIVPSNEEQIKNLLQLEAQEHLQLDFWKSPPTPGETAHVRVPFVNQAVK	60
1DTD	-----	0
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# INTERACTIONS

Garcia-Saez I, Reverter D, Vendrell J, Avilés F, Coll M. The three-dimensional structure of human procarboxypeptidase A2. Deciphering the basis of the inhibition, activation and intrinsic activity of the zymogen. The EMBO Journal. 1997;16(23):6906-6913.

**Table I.** Interactions<sup>a</sup> between the pro-segment and the CPA2 moiety in human pro-CPA2

Globular domain/CPA2	Distance (Å)	Connecting segment/CPA2	Distance (Å)
N(Glu5A)–O(Lys122)	3.0	C <sup>γ1</sup> (Val82A)…C <sup>δ1</sup> (Leu280)	4.0
O(Glu5A)–W2–N(Lys124)	3.0/2.9	C <sup>β</sup> (Leu85A)…C <sup>δ1</sup> (Leu280)	3.9
O(Glu5A)–W2–O(Lys124)	3.0/3.5	O(Leu85A)–W64–O (Leu280)	3.4/2.9
C <sup>ε1</sup> (Phe7A)…C <sup>γ</sup> (Met125)	3.7	C <sup>δ1</sup> (Leu86A)…C <sup>γ</sup> (Arg124)	3.8
C <sup>ε</sup> (Phe7A)…C <sup>γ</sup> (Met125)	3.7	O <sup>ε1</sup> (Glu89A)–N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg124)	2.9
O <sup>ε2</sup> (Glu33A)–N <sup>δ2</sup> (Asn159)	3.3	O <sup>ε2</sup> (Glu89A)–N <sup>ε</sup> (Arg124)	2.8
O <sup>δ1</sup> (Asp36A)–N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg71)	2.8	O <sup>δ</sup> (Glu89A)–C <sup>γ2</sup> (Trp73)	3.7
O <sup>δ1</sup> (Asp36A)–N <sup>η1</sup> (Arg71)	3.4	O <sup>δ</sup> (Glu89A)–W65–O(Leu281)	2.8/2.9
O <sup>δ2</sup> (Arg36A)–N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg71)	3.0	O <sup>ε2</sup> (Glu92A)–N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg284)	3.3
O <sup>δ1</sup> (Asp36A)–W55–O <sup>δ2</sup> (Asp163)	2.7/2.8	O <sup>ε1</sup> (Glu92A)–W132–N <sup>ε</sup> (Ala283)	2.9/3.0
O(Trp38A)–W120–N <sup>η1</sup> (Arg71)	3.1/3.1	O <sup>ε1</sup> (Glu92A)–W100–N(Arg284)	2.8/2.9
C <sup>γ</sup> (Trp38A)…C <sup>ε2</sup> (Phe279) <sup>b</sup>	3.5	O <sup>ε1</sup> (Glu92A)–W00–N <sup>ε</sup> (Arg284)	2.8/2.9
C <sup>ε</sup> (Trp38A)…C <sup>α</sup> (Gly278)	4.0	O(Met93A)–W87–O(Tyr12)	2.9/2.9
N <sup>ε</sup> (Lys39A)–W256–O(Val246)	2.8/2.7	O(Asn96A)–N(Glu1) <sup>c</sup>	2.8
N(Ser40A)–W13–O(Tyr248) <sup>c</sup>	3.3/3.2	N <sup>δ2</sup> (Asn96A)–O <sup>ε2</sup> (Glu1)	2.9
O(Ser40A)–W13–O(Tyr248) <sup>c</sup>	3.2/3.2	O <sup>δ1</sup> (Asn96A)–N <sup>δ2</sup> (Asn8)	3.0
C <sup>γ2</sup> (Thr42A)…C(Ile247)	3.9	C <sup>γ</sup> (Asn96A)–C <sup>β</sup> (Ala11)	3.6
C <sup>γ2</sup> (Thr42A)…C <sup>ε2</sup> (Tyr248) <sup>d</sup>	3.5	O(Arg97A)–N(Arg2) <sup>e</sup>	3.5
C <sup>γ2</sup> (Thr42A)…C <sup>β</sup> (Tyr248) <sup>c</sup>	3.8	O(Arg97A)–N(Glu1) <sup>f</sup>	3.3
C <sup>γ2</sup> (Thr47A)…C <sup>ε2</sup> (Tyr248) <sup>d</sup>	4.0	N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg97A)–W36–O(Tyr12)	2.7/3.5
N <sup>δ1</sup> (His53A)–O <sup>η</sup> (Tyr198)	2.7	Ne(Arg97A)–W36–O(Tyr12)	2.9
S <sup>δ</sup> (Met78A)…O(Gly275)	3.7	O(Arg98A)–N(Glu1) <sup>f</sup>	3.3
S <sup>δ</sup> (Met78A)…C(Gly275)	4.0	O(Arg98A)–N(Arg2) <sup>e</sup>	3.9
		O(Arg99A)–N(Gly4) <sup>f</sup>	3.1
		O(Arg99A)–N(Gly3) <sup>f</sup>	3.1
		O(Met93A)–W87–O(Tyr12)	2.9/2.9
		N <sup>δ2</sup> (Asn96A)–W87–O(Tyr12)	2.7/2.9
		N <sup>ε</sup> (Arg97A)–W36–O(Tyr12)	2.9/3.5
		N <sup>η2</sup> (Arg97A)–W36–O(Tyr12)	2.7/3.5

<sup>a</sup>(...):van der Waal's contacts  $\leq 4.0$  Å; (–): H-bonds  $\leq 3.5$  Å.

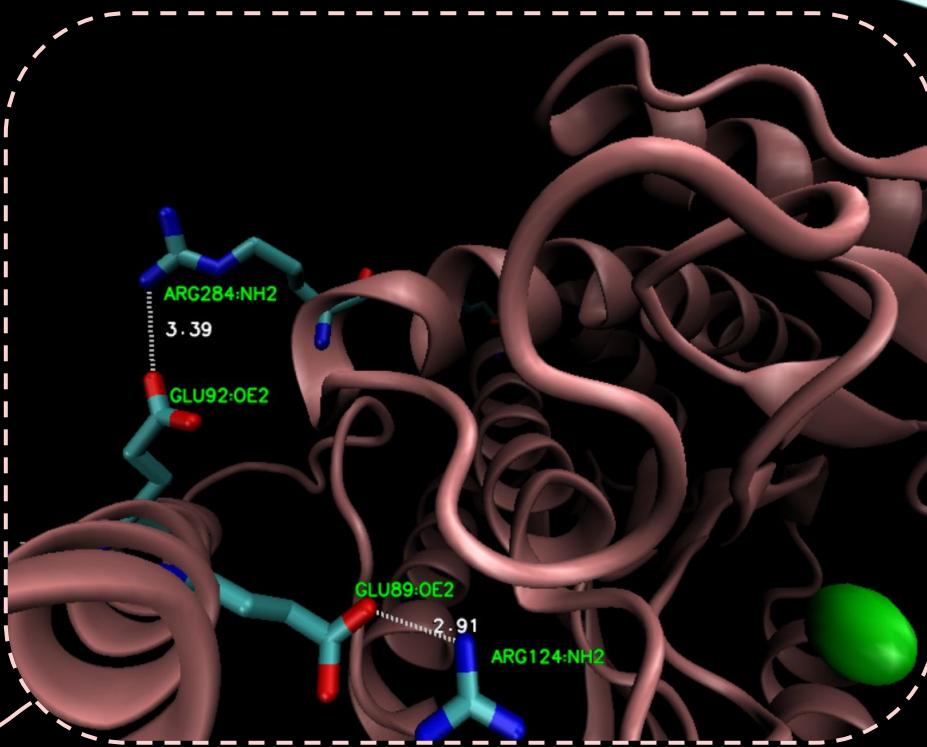
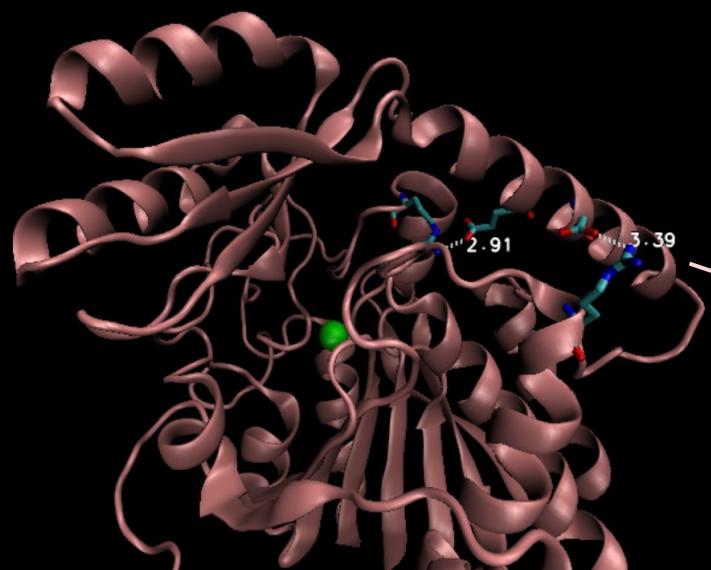
<sup>b</sup>Aromatic–aromatic interaction; only the shortest distance between the two rings is listed.

<sup>c</sup>In the benzylsuccinate complexed structure.

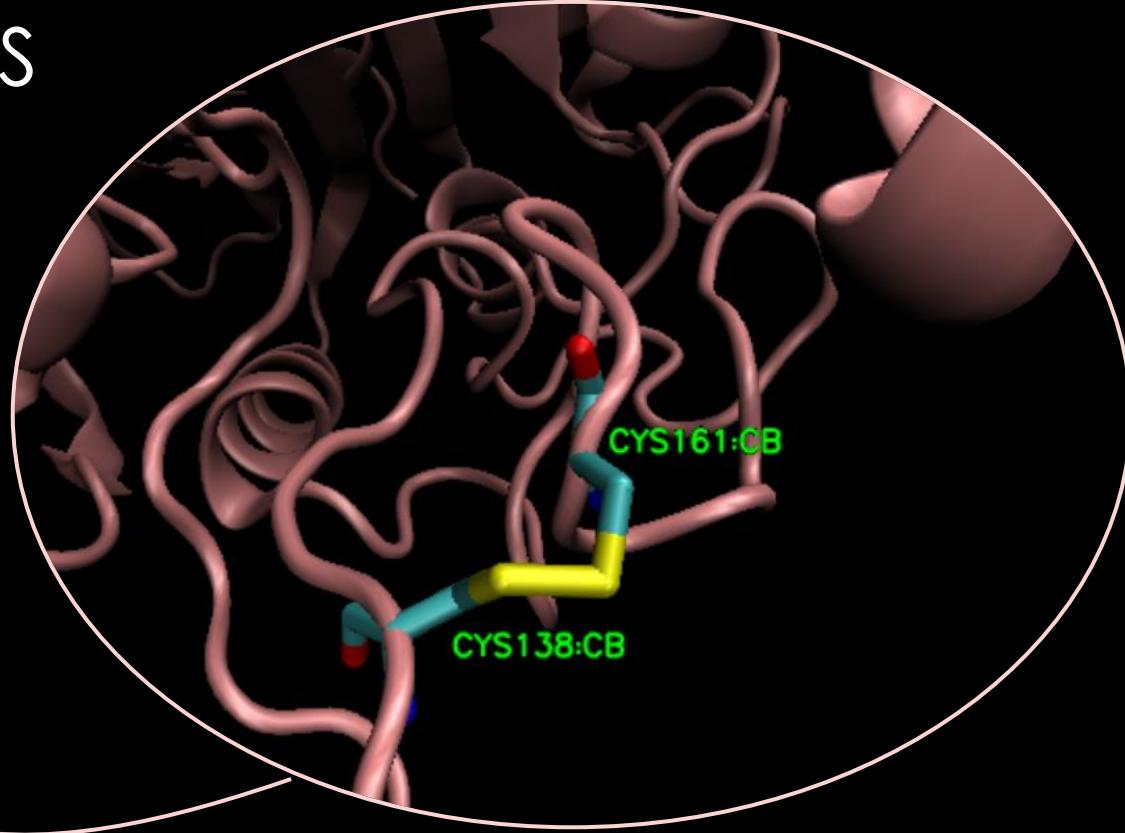
<sup>d</sup>In the uncomplexed structure.

<sup>e</sup>Intrahelical H-bond.

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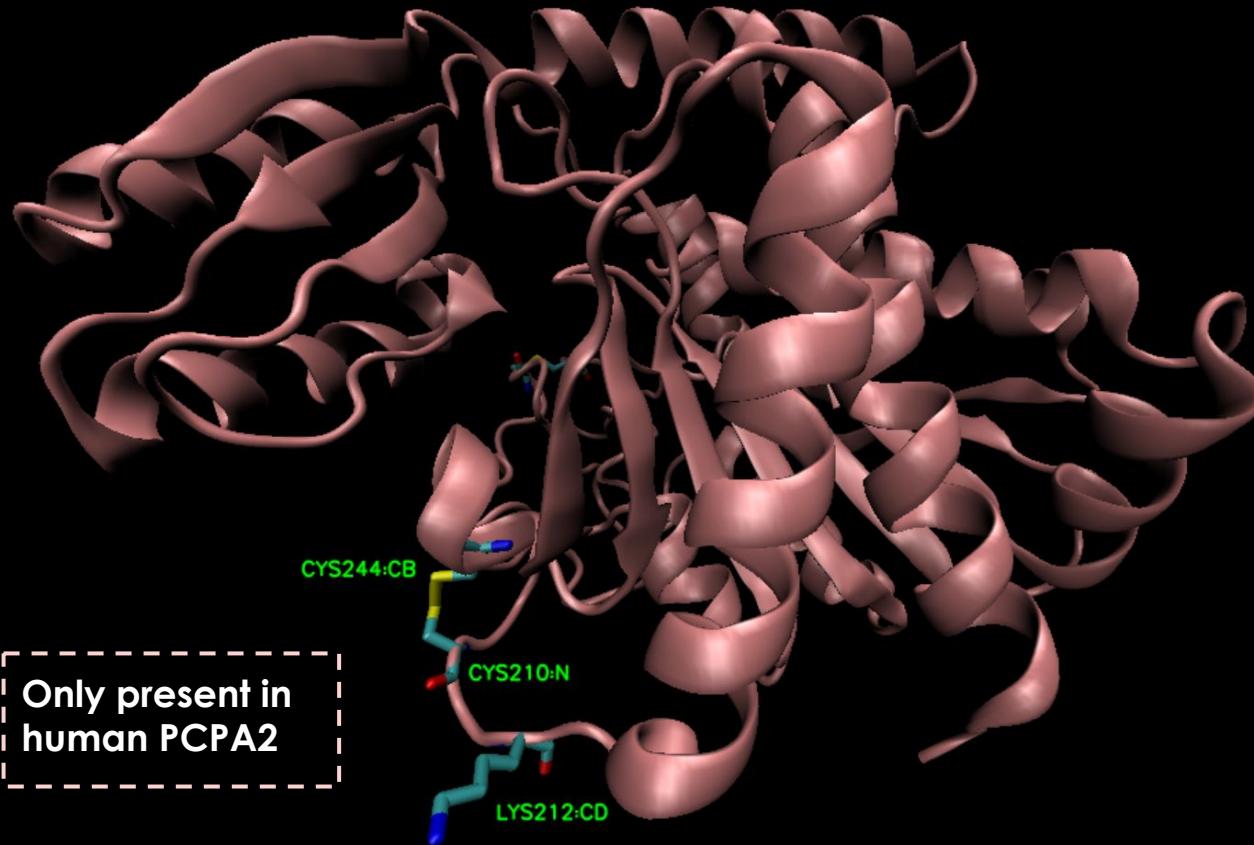


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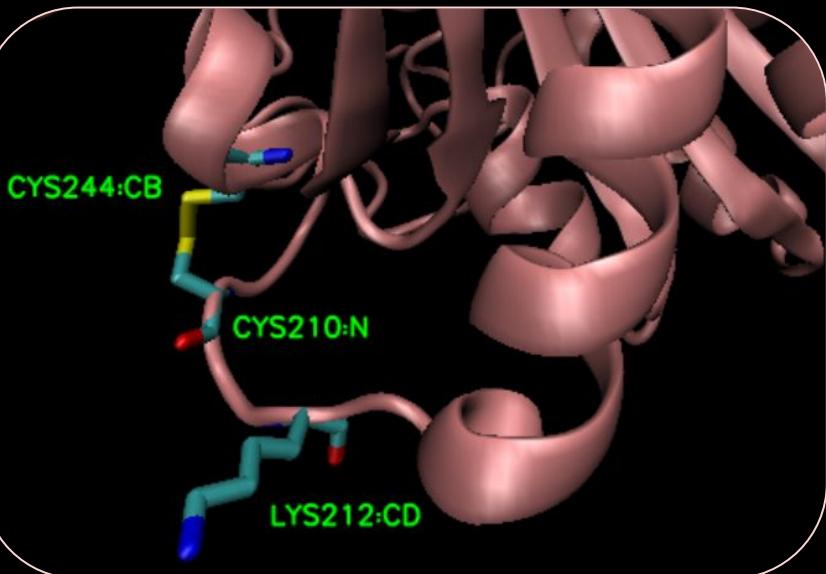


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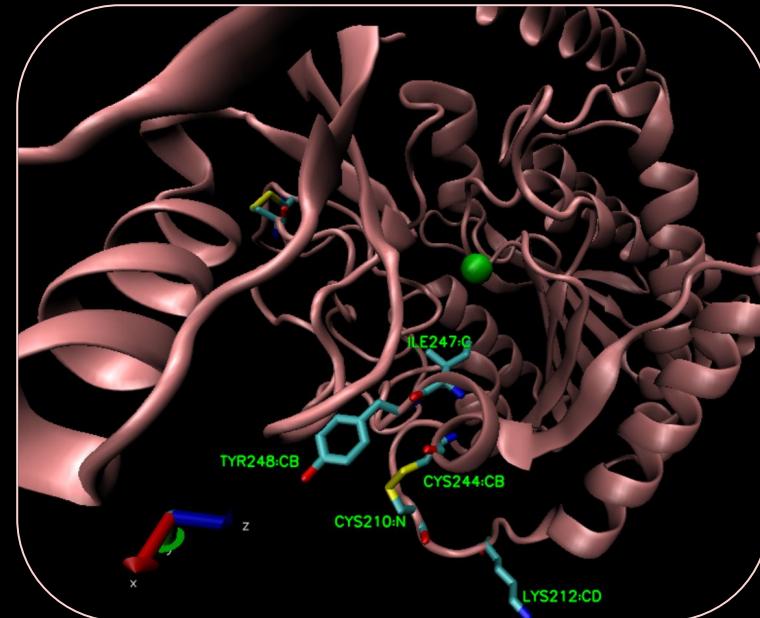
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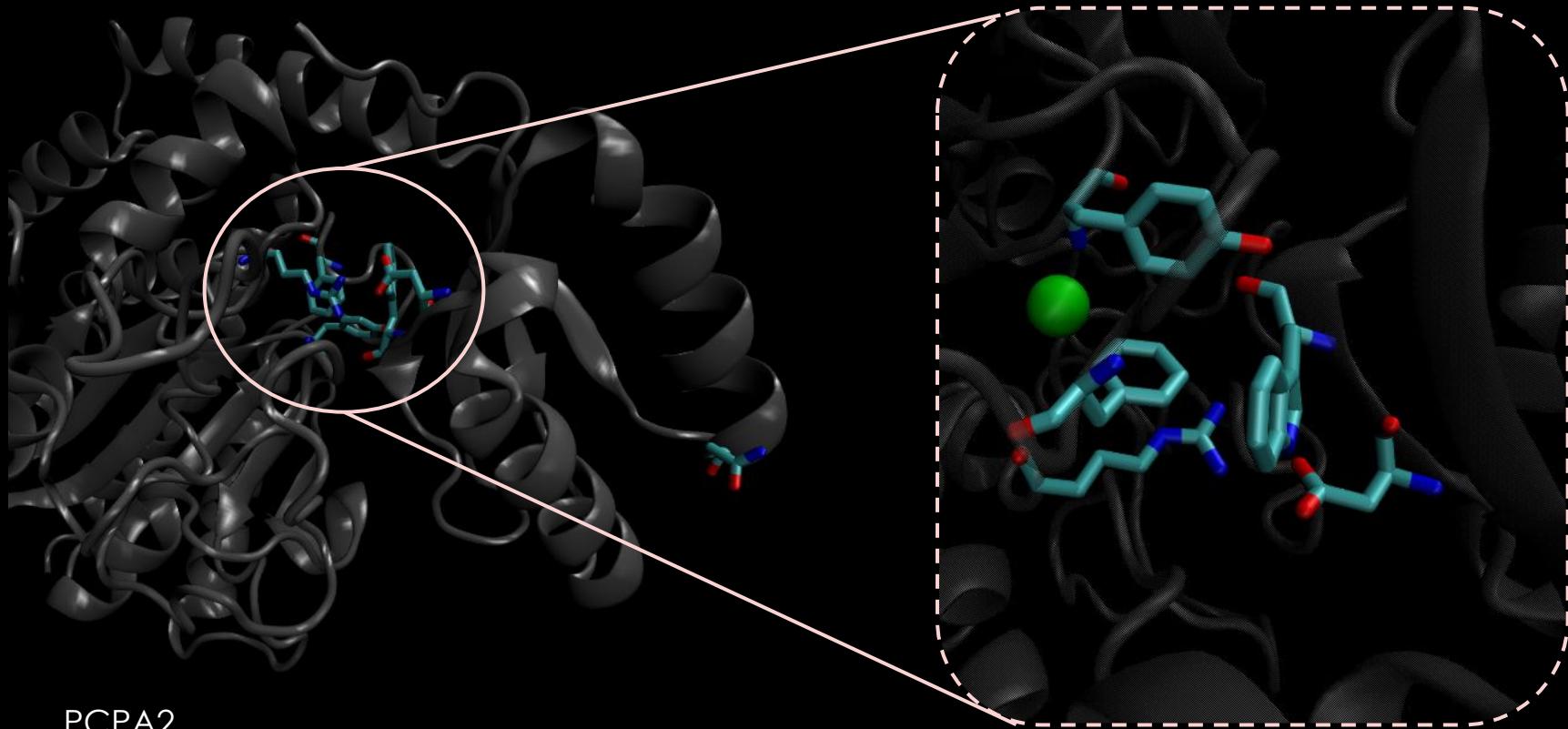


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1.8A



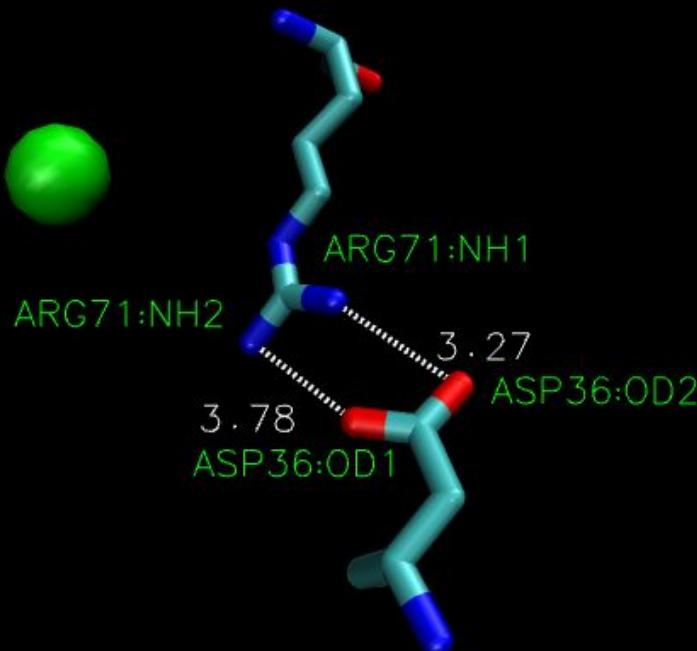
Displaces  
residues 247-248

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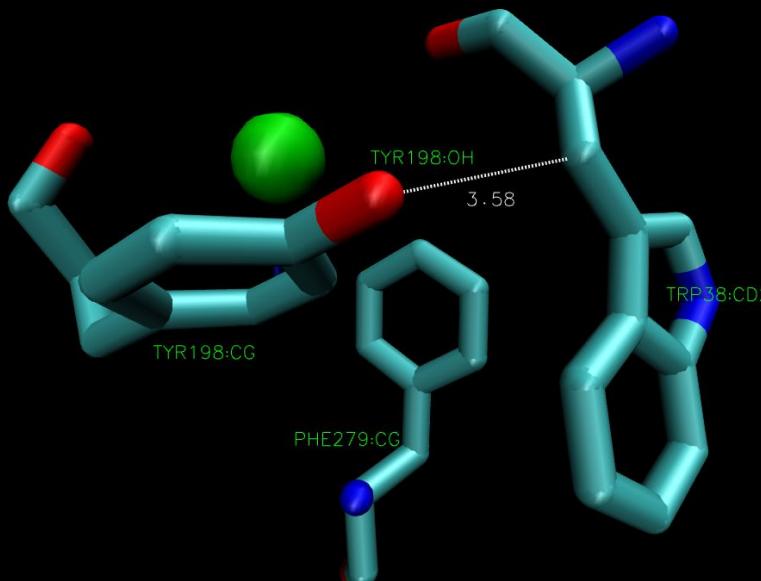


PCPA2

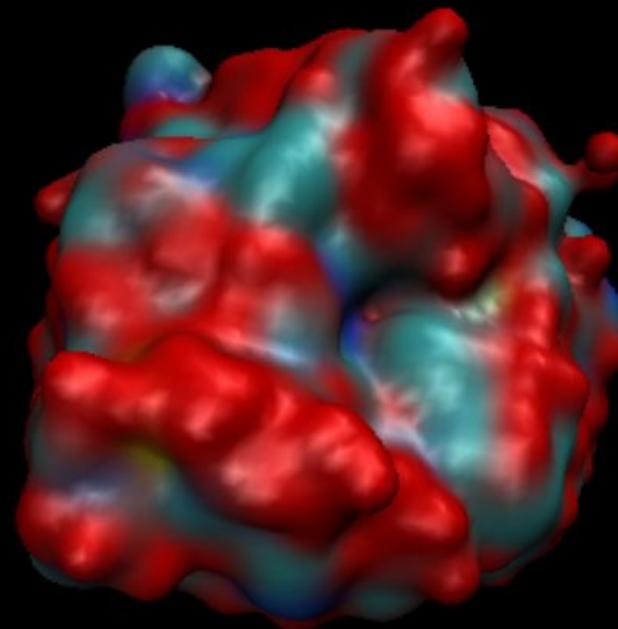
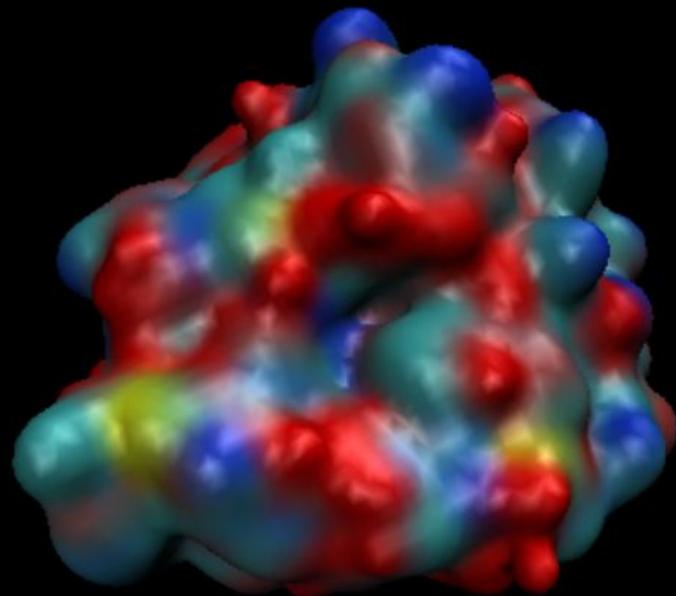
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Pi-type interaction (Phe279-Trp38) -- 3.5



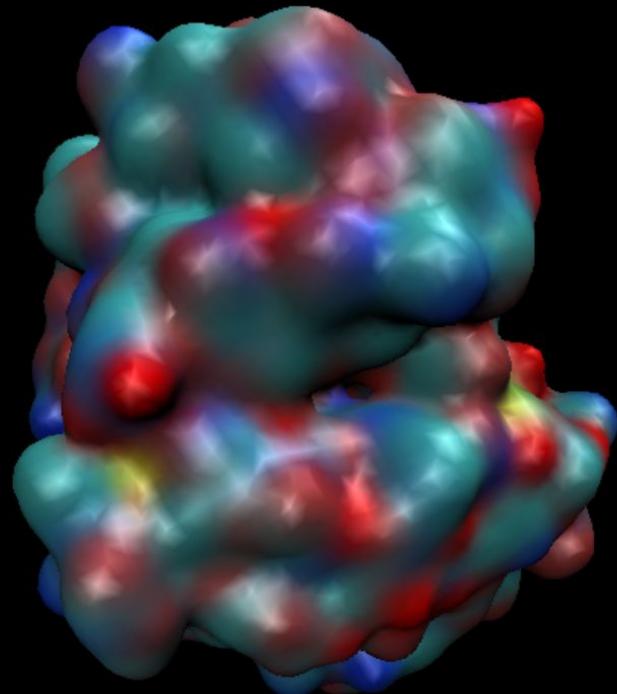
# CARBOXYPEPTIDASE A VS B



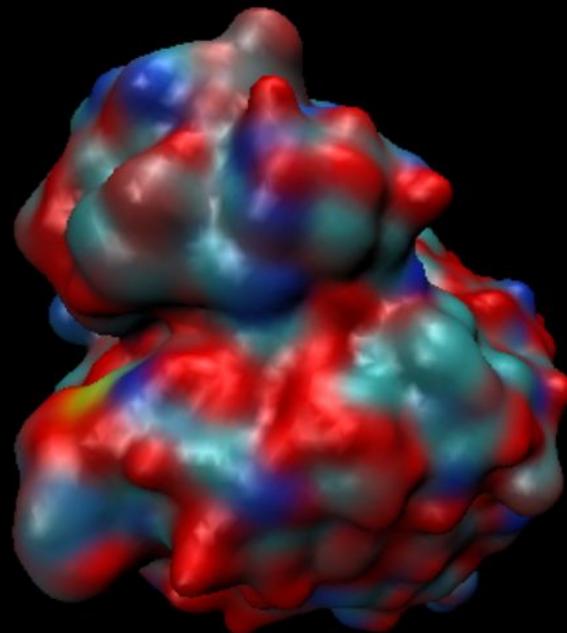
CPA2

CPB

# PROCARBOXYPEPTIDASE A VS B



PCPA2  
Little activity



PCPB  
No activity

# TYPES OF CARBOXYPEPTIDASE INHIBITION

  
**Autologous Inhibition**

by Pro-Segment

  
**Heterologous Inhibition**

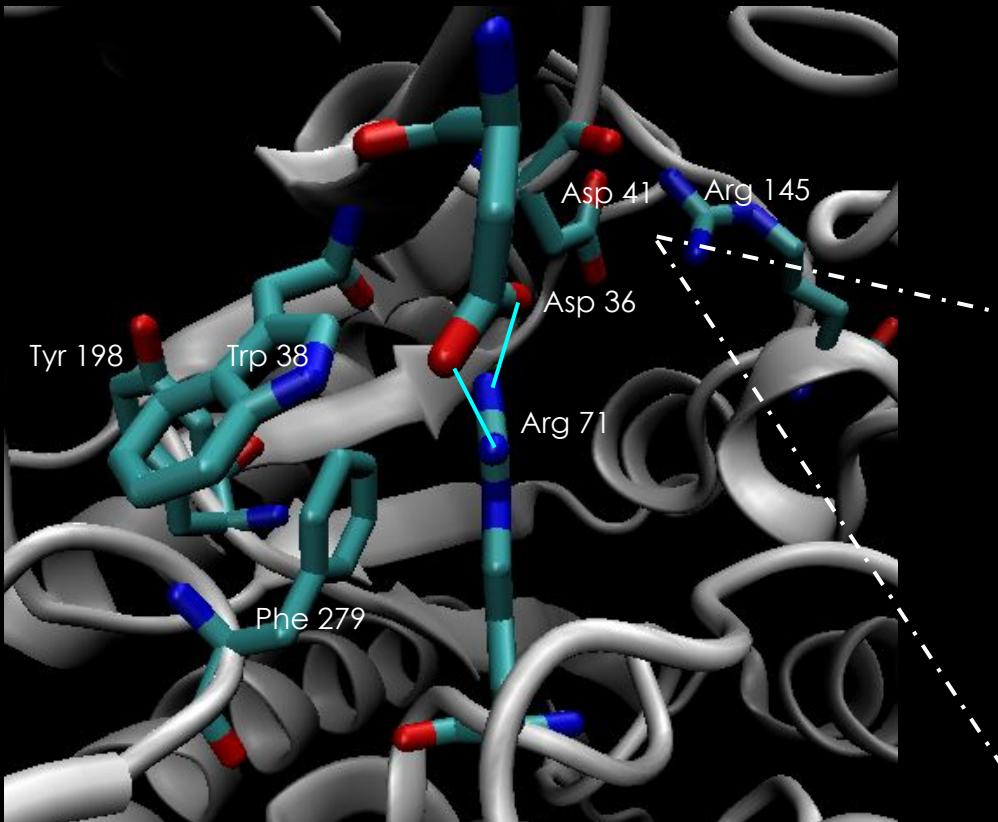
by Potato  
Carboxypeptidase  
Inhibitor

= PCI

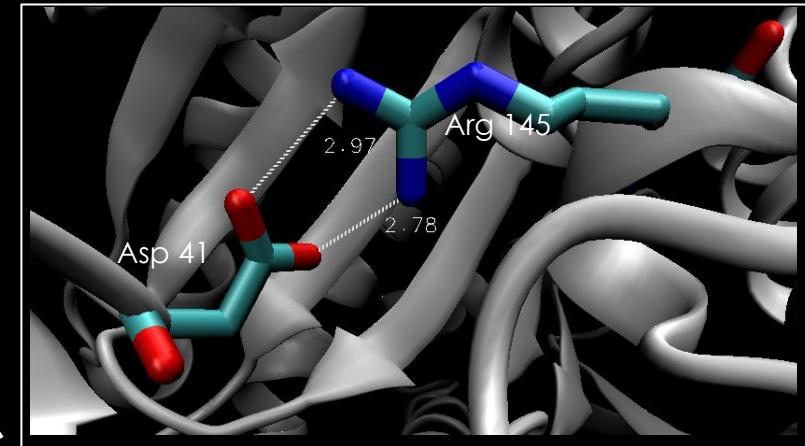
  
**Excess of Zinc**

Inhibition by a second  
eq. of  $Zn^{2+}$

# AUTOLOGOUS INHIBITORS: PRO-SEGMENT

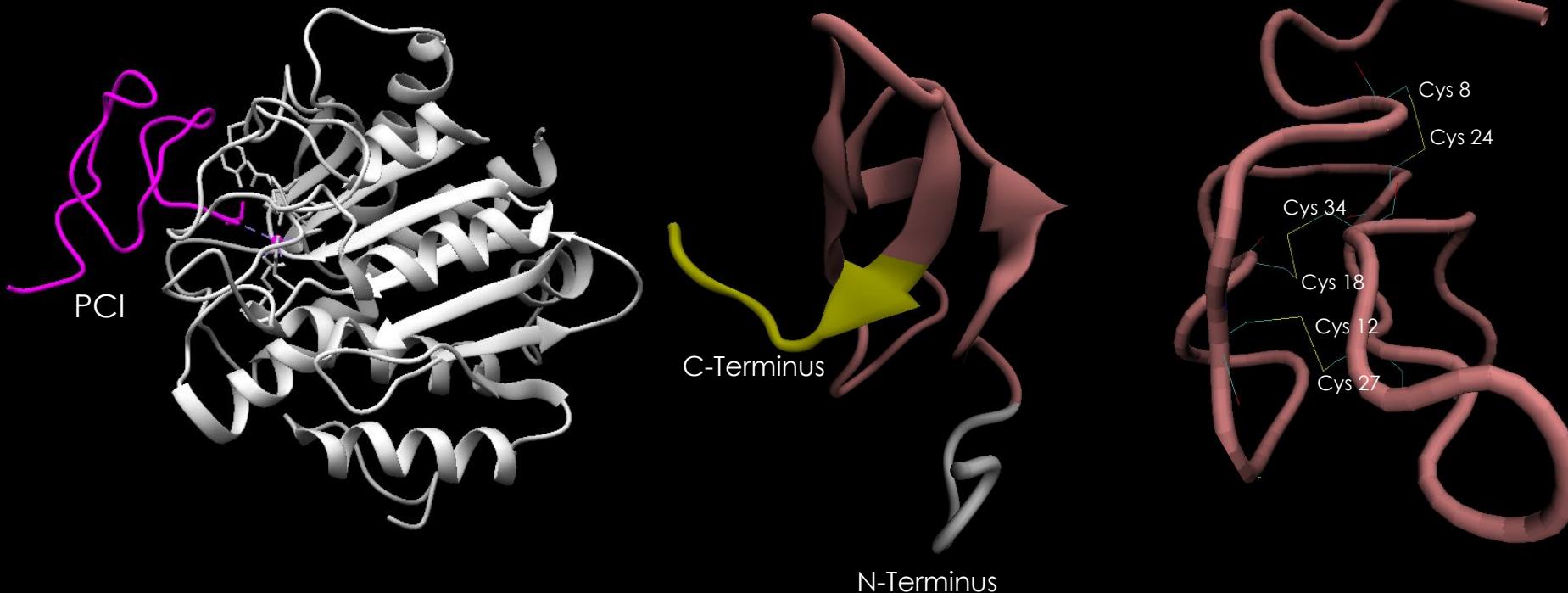


salt bridge: Asp 41 - Arg 145



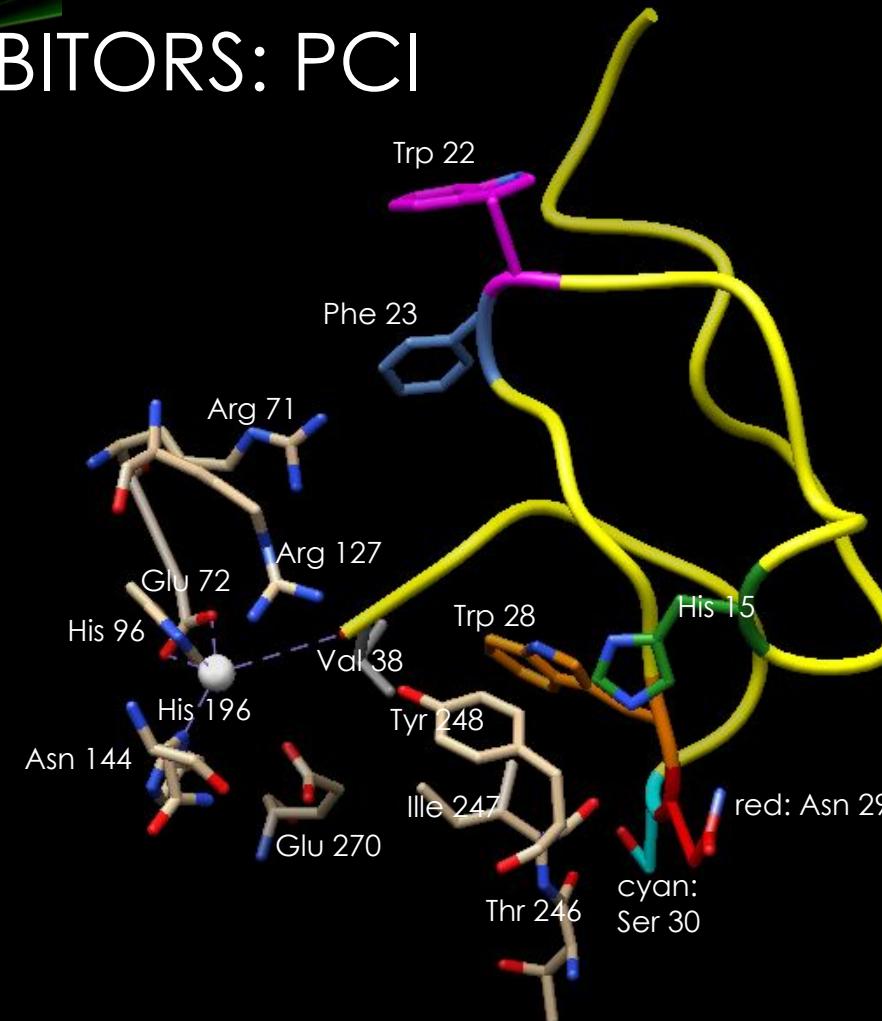
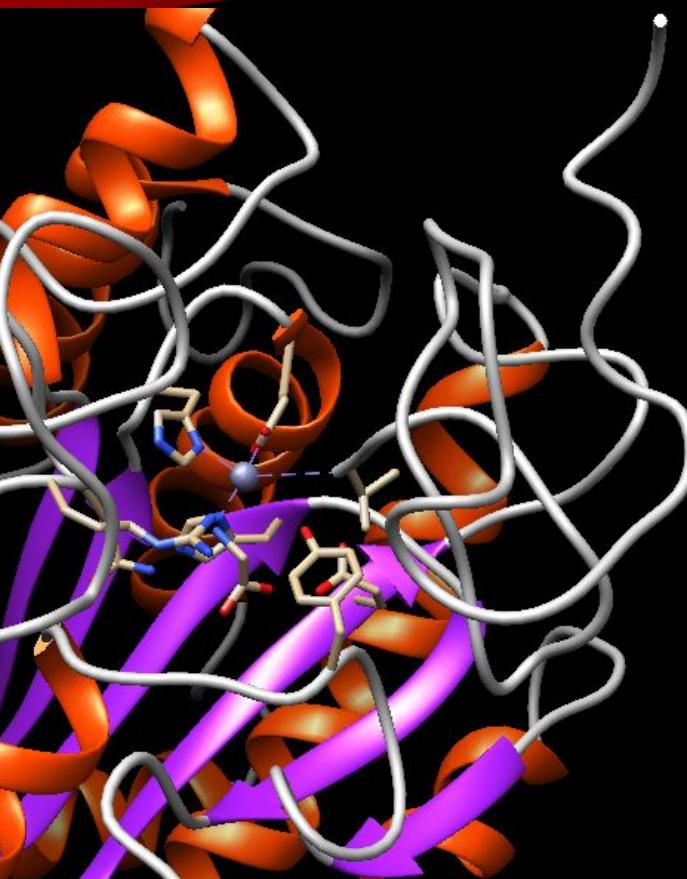
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# HETEROLOGOUS INHIBITORS: PCI



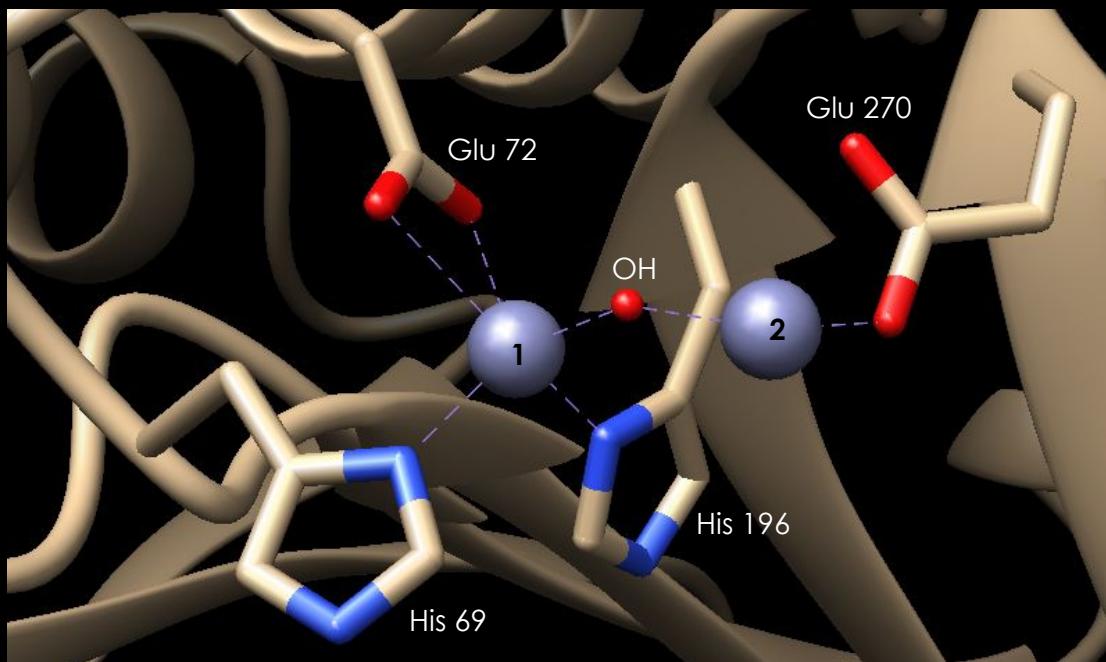
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Interaction CPA-PCI:

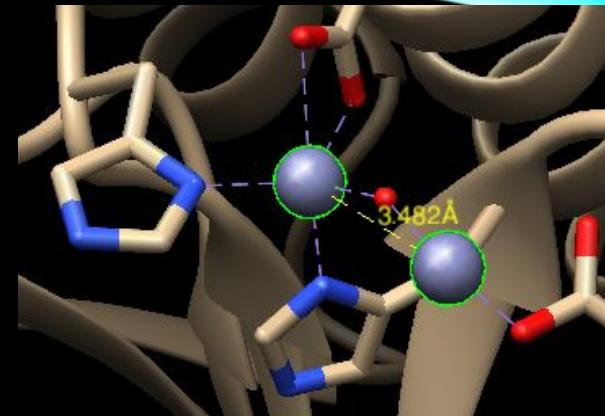


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# EXCESS OF ZINC



- Larsen and Auld: Inhibition via Zincmonohydroxide ( $\text{ZnOH}^+$ )
- $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  1: catalytic  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  2: excess



atoms	distance in Å
Zn 1 - Zn 2	3.482
Zn 1 - OH	1.752
OH - Zn 2	1.846

torsion angle:

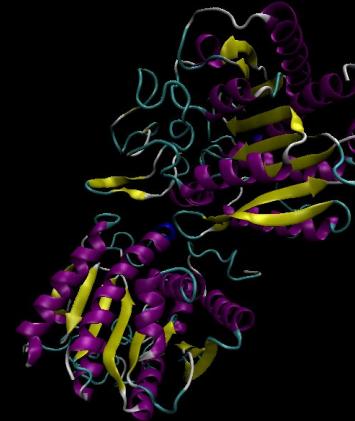
Zn 1 - OH - Zn 2:  $150.887^\circ$

# FURTHER INHIBITORS OF CARBOXYPEPTIDASES

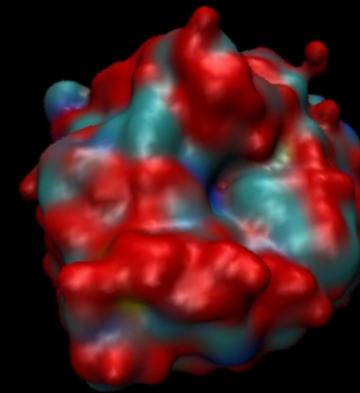
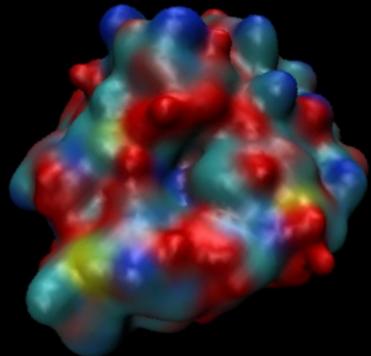
- Tomato Carboxypeptidase Inhibitor
- Ascaris suum Carboxypeptidase Inhibitor  
(parasit)
- Medical leech Carboxypeptidase Inhibitor  
(*Hirudo medicinalis*)
- Rat brain Carboxypeptidase Inhibitor or tissue Carboxypeptidase Inhibitor (TCI)

# CONCLUSIONS

1. There are several kinds of CP's classifications
2. Carboxypeptidases belong to the exopeptidases
3. CPs act at C-terminals of the polypeptide chain of proteins and liberate a single amino acid or a dipeptide there
4. All of them show structural similarity in the catalytic domain
5. Pro-carboxypeptidases are the inactive form of carboxypeptidases and get activated by a trypsin cleavage of the pro-segment (96 aa).
6. There exist different ways of possible inhibitions  
→ e.g. the autologous form occurs constantly in our organism
7. Play an important role in many processes such as digestion.



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# PEM QUESTIONS

1. Which is correct about carboxypeptidases:
  - a. Procarboxypeptidase's prosegment is usually short, about 40aa.
  - b. **Procarboxypeptidases have the same conformation as carboxypeptidases but with an activation domain or prosegment**
  - c. Carboxypeptidases and procarboxypeptidases have a different folding on the catalytic center.
  - d. Procarboxypeptidases are all beta proteins.
  - e. Carboxypeptidases have a selenium ion on its catalytic center
2. Which is the correct?
  - a. All procarboxypeptidases are fully inactive.
  - b. Procarboxypeptidases A1 and B have little activity.
  - c. Procarboxypeptidase A2 is fully inactive.
  - d. The trypsin target has lots of Asp.
  - e. **All the answers are incorrect.**

# PEM QUESTIONS

3. Which of the following examples can act as Inhibitors of CPs:

- a. Potato Carboxypeptidase inhibitor (PCI)
- b. Pro-segments
- c. Tomato carboxypeptidase inhibitor
- d. Only a and b are correct
- e. All the answers are correct**

4. The pro-segments acts as inhibitors until ... :

- a. A second zinc-ion binds to the catalytic zinc-ion
- b. Trypsin activation occurs**
- c. They can't act as inhibitors
- d. Tyrosine activation occurs
- e. None of this answers is correct

5. Why are His 96, His196 and Glu 72 so important residues?

- a. They are zinc-coordinated**
- b. They don't have an important role
- c. Because they have positive charge
- d. Because they are aromatic residues
- e. They are residues in the sidechains which are responsible for the correct protein conformation

# PEM QUESTIONS

6. Carboxypeptidases are ...?

- a. Endopeptidases which cleave one amino acid from the C-terminal end of the polypeptide substrates
- b. Endopeptidases which cleave one amino acid from the N-terminal end of the polypeptide substrates
- c. Exopeptidases which cleave one amino acid from the N-terminal end of the polypeptide substrates
- d. Exopeptidases which cleave one amino acid from the C-terminal end of the polypeptide substrates**
- e. No answer of above is correct

7. Which metal ion uses the metalloenzyme CPA?

- a.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$
- b.  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$
- c.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$**
- d.  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$
- e.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

# PEM QUESTIONS

8. Which sentence about procarboxypeptidases is correct?
  - a. They are secreted in the liver
  - b. They need activation by trypsin**
  - c. The pro-peptide is about 60 residues long
  - d. They release the pro-peptide when they were cut by histidine
  - e. All answers are correct
  
9. Which of the following answers is correct? (CP=carboxypeptidase)
  - a. Only CP A is secreted as a zymogen
  - b. Only CP B is secreted as a zymogen
  - c. Both are secreted as zymogens**
  - d. CP B doesn't exist
  - e. None of the answers is correct

# PEM QUESTIONS

10. How many subsites has Carboxypeptidase A?

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 5
- d. 3
- e. 2

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Programs:

Chimera  
VMD  
Clustalw  
STAMP

## Databases:

PDB  
Uniprot  
PFAM

