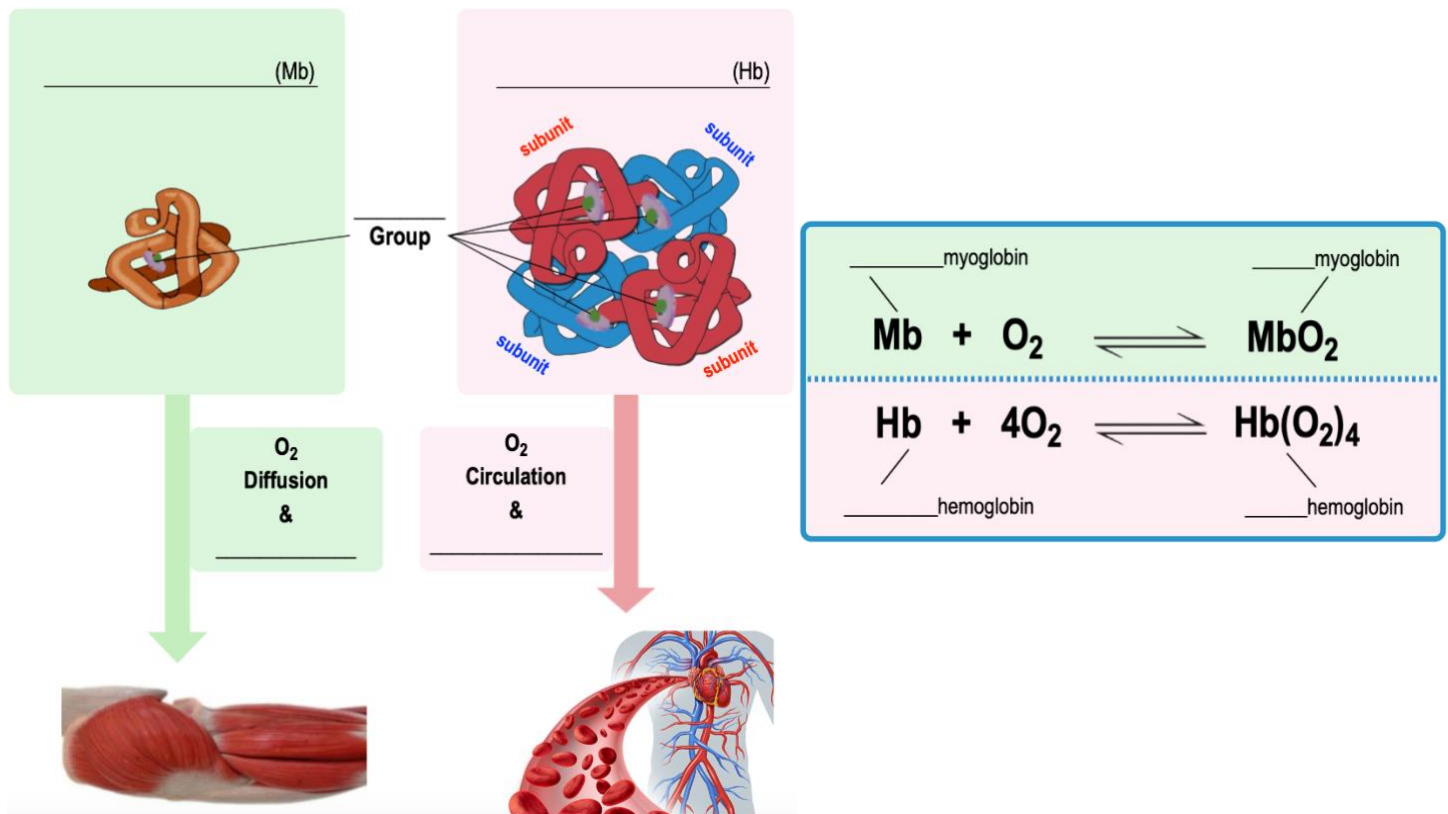


## CONCEPT: MYOGLOBIN VS HEMOGLOBIN

- Myoglobin (\_\_\_\_) & hemoglobin (\_\_\_\_): well-studied proteins & great examples for many protein/enzyme concepts.
  - Mb & Hb are *not* technically enzymes; HOWEVER, allosteric regulation does not only apply to enzymes.
  - *Myoglobin*: \_\_\_\_\_ protein facilitating oxygen *diffusion*, *storage* & *supply* to *muscle tissues* in vertebrates.
  - *Hemoglobin*: heterotetrameric *allosteric* protein (2  $\alpha$  & 2  $\beta$  subunits) that *circulates* & *transports* oxygen via blood.
- Both are capable of *reversibly* binding \_\_\_\_\_ gas ( $O_2$ ) due to their \_\_\_\_\_ prosthetic group(s).
- Though Mb & Hb need to bind  $O_2$ , they also need to \_\_\_\_\_  $O_2$  (*reversible binding*).



**PRACTICE:** Which of the following statements are true?

- Both myoglobin and hemoglobin irreversibly bind oxygen gas ( $O_2$ ).
- Myoglobin has a single subunit, whereas hemoglobin has four identical subunits.
- Hemoglobin and myoglobin each contain a single heme group.
- Each individual subunit of hemoglobin contains a heme group.
- Hemoglobin transports, stores and supplies oxygen in the muscle tissue.
- A and B.
- A and C.
- B and C.

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### Myoglobin's Protein-Ligand Interactions

- Protein-ligand *affinity* (\_\_\_\_) & *fractional saturation* (\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ ) applies *directly* to myoglobin.

□ Recall: *Fractional Saturation* ( $\theta$  or  $Y$ ): the ratio of *oxygenated* protein over *total* protein:  $\theta = \frac{[PL]}{[PL] + [P]}$

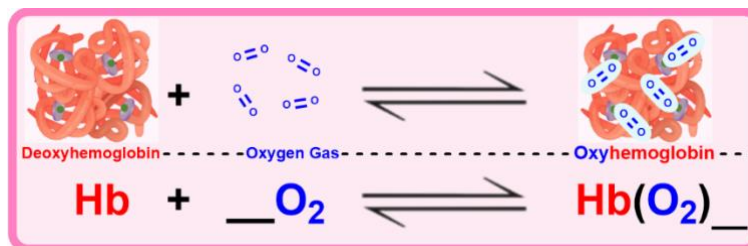
Review	New
$P + L \xrightleftharpoons[k_d]{k_a} PL$	$Mb + O_2 \xrightleftharpoons[k_d]{k_a} MbO_2$
$K_d = \frac{[P] + [L]}{[PL]} = \frac{k_d}{k_a} = \frac{1}{K_a}$	$K_d = \frac{[ ] + [O_2]}{[ ]} = \frac{k_d}{k_a} = \frac{1}{K_a}$
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**PRACTICE:** If Mb's  $K_d = 2.5 \text{ M}$  and the  $[O_2] = 7.5 \text{ M}$ , what % saturated will Mb be?

- a) 12%                      c) 0.75%
- b) 75%                     d) 64%

### Hemoglobin's Protein-Ligand Interactions

- Hb's protein-ligand interactions are \_\_\_\_\_ complicated than Mb's since Hb has a more complex structure.
- Recall: Hemoglobin is an *allosteric* protein with \_\_\_\_\_ *subunits*, each of which can bind a ligand ( $O_2$ ).



$n = \# \text{ of } L\text{-binding sites}$

- Recall: *Coefficients* in a reaction (#'s in front of molecules) are included into  $K_{eq}$  as \_\_\_\_\_.

$$K_d = \frac{[Hb] + [O_2]\text{---}}{[Hb(O_2)\text{---}]} = \frac{k_d}{k_a} = \frac{1}{K_a}$$

$$\theta = Y = \frac{[Hb(O_2)\text{---}]}{[Hb(O_2)\text{---}] + [Hb]} = \frac{[O_2]\text{---}}{[O_2]\text{---} + K_d}$$

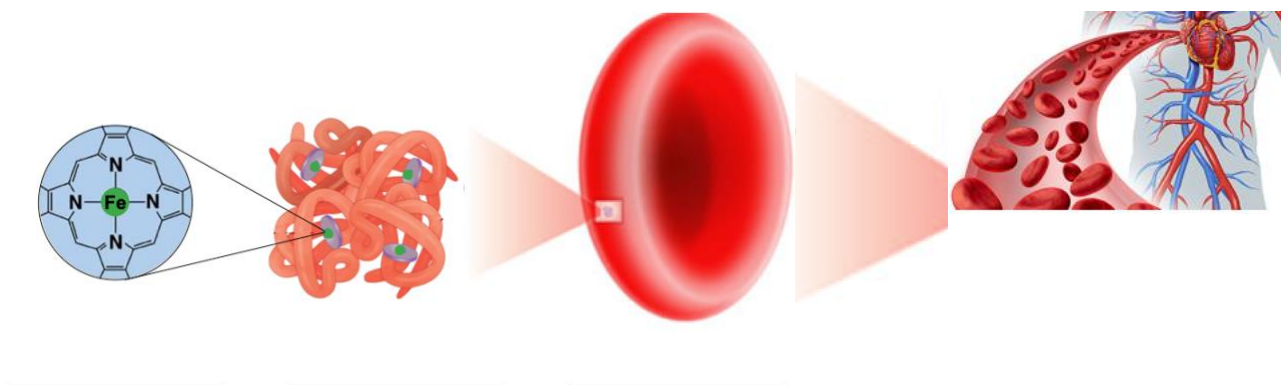
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**PRACTICE:** The differences between hemoglobin and myoglobin include:

- a) Hemoglobin is a tetramer whereas myoglobin is a monomer.
- b) Hemoglobin exhibits a sigmoidal O<sub>2</sub> saturation curve while myoglobin exhibits a hyperbolic curve.
- c) Hemoglobin exhibits O<sub>2</sub> binding cooperativity while myoglobin does not.
- d) All of the above.

### More Background Info on Hemoglobin

- Hemoglobin is found within \_\_\_\_\_ blood cells (RBC or erythrocytes).
  - Each RBC has ~270 million molecules of hemoglobin.
  - One drop of blood the size of a pinhead has ~5 million RBC.



### Myoglobin vs. Hemoglobin Recap

- Let's recap some of the similarities & differences between myoglobin & hemoglobin:

	# Of Subunits	# Of Heme Groups	Located in:	Reversibly Bind O <sub>2</sub> ?
