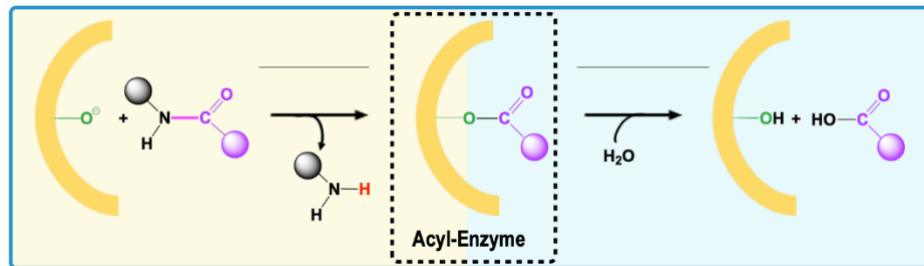


## CONCEPT: CHYMOTRYPSIN'S CATALYTIC MECHANISM

- Chymotrypsin catalytic mechanism has \_\_\_\_ phases: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ phase. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ phase.



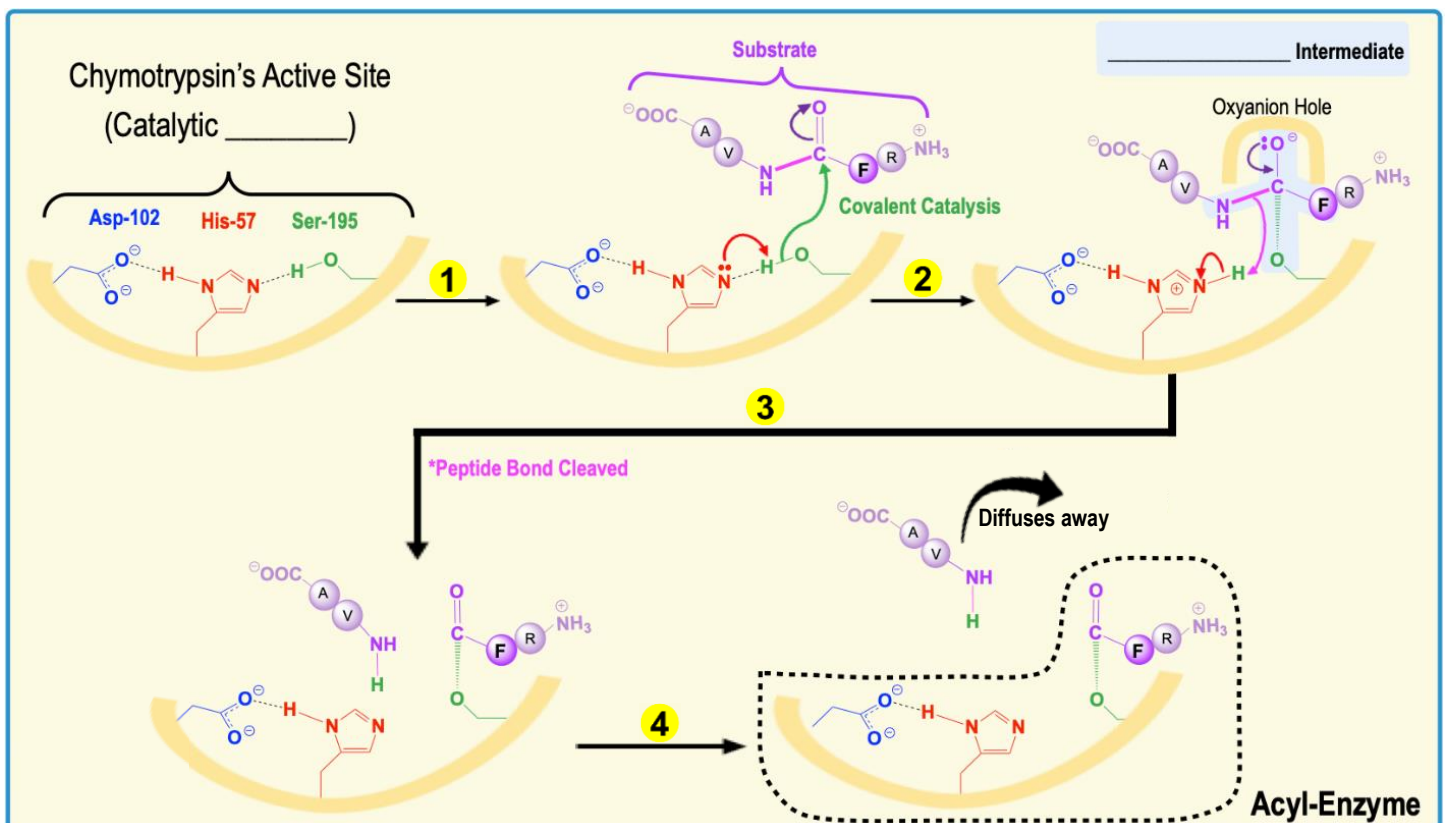
### 1) Acylation Phase

- Chymotrypsin's \_\_\_\_-step *acylation* phase: *covalent* catalysis forms an ester linkage & the *peptide bond* is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Nucleophilic Acyl Substitution:

- Substrate Binding:** peptide to be cleaved binds to chymotrypsin's \_\_\_\_\_ site.
- Nucleophilic attack:** \_\_\_\_-195 attacks carbonyl carbon of substrate to form unstable *tetrahedral intermediate*.
  - A region in chymotrypsin's active site (*oxyanion hole*) \_\_\_\_\_ the tetrahedral intermediate.
  - Newly formed \_\_\_\_\_ covalently links chymotrypsin's **Ser-195** to the carbonyl carbon of substrate.
- Remove LG:** tetrahedral intermediate "collapses", **His-57** acts as an \_\_\_\_\_ & peptide bond is *broken*.
- End of Phase:** enzyme is \_\_\_\_\_ & the newly formed *amine* portion of substrate *diffuses away*.

### EXAMPLE: Acylation Phase of Chymotrypsin's Catalytic Mechanism.



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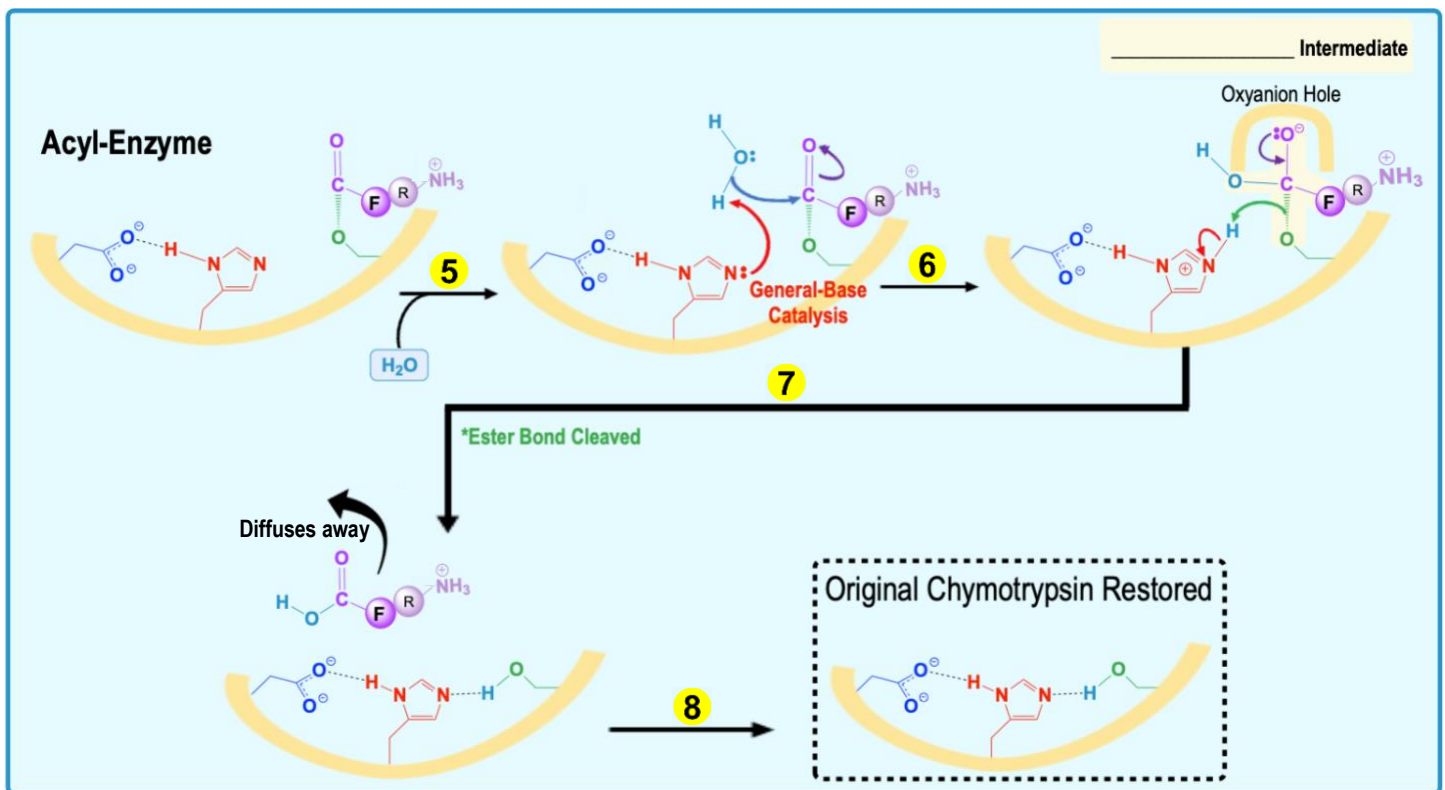
### 2) Deacylation Phase

- Chymotrypsin's \_\_\_\_-step *deacylation* phase: *ester linkage is hydrolyzed to* \_\_\_\_\_ the original chymotrypsin.

#### Ester Hydrolyzation:

- 5 Substrate Binding:** \_\_\_\_\_ enters chymotrypsin's active site and a series of *similar* steps repeats.
- 6 Nucleophilic attack:** **His-57** (base) deprotonates **H<sub>2</sub>O**, creating \_\_\_\_ *nucleophile* that attacks carbonyl carbon.
  - Once again, \_\_\_\_\_ *hole* in chymotrypsin's active site *stabilizes* the *tetrahedral intermediate*.
- 7 Remove LG:** tetrahedral intermediate "*collapses*", **His-57** acts as an \_\_\_\_\_ & ester bond is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 End of Phase:** enzyme is \_\_\_\_-acylated & newly formed *carboxylic acid* portion of substrate *diffuses away*.
  - Original chymotrypsin enzyme is \_\_\_\_\_ and ready for another round of catalysis.

**EXAMPLE:** Deacylation Phase of Chymotrypsin's Catalytic Mechanism.



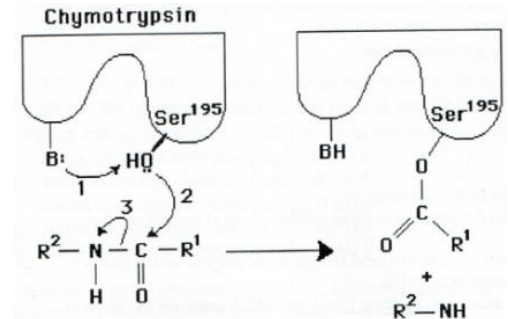
**PRACTICE:** How is chymotrypsin's specificity for its substrate determined?

- a) Conformational change upon binding of the substrate.
- b) Binding of the N-terminus amino acid at the active site.
- c) Covalent binding of the His residue to the substrate.
- d) Binding of the proper amino acid into a deep pocket on the enzyme.

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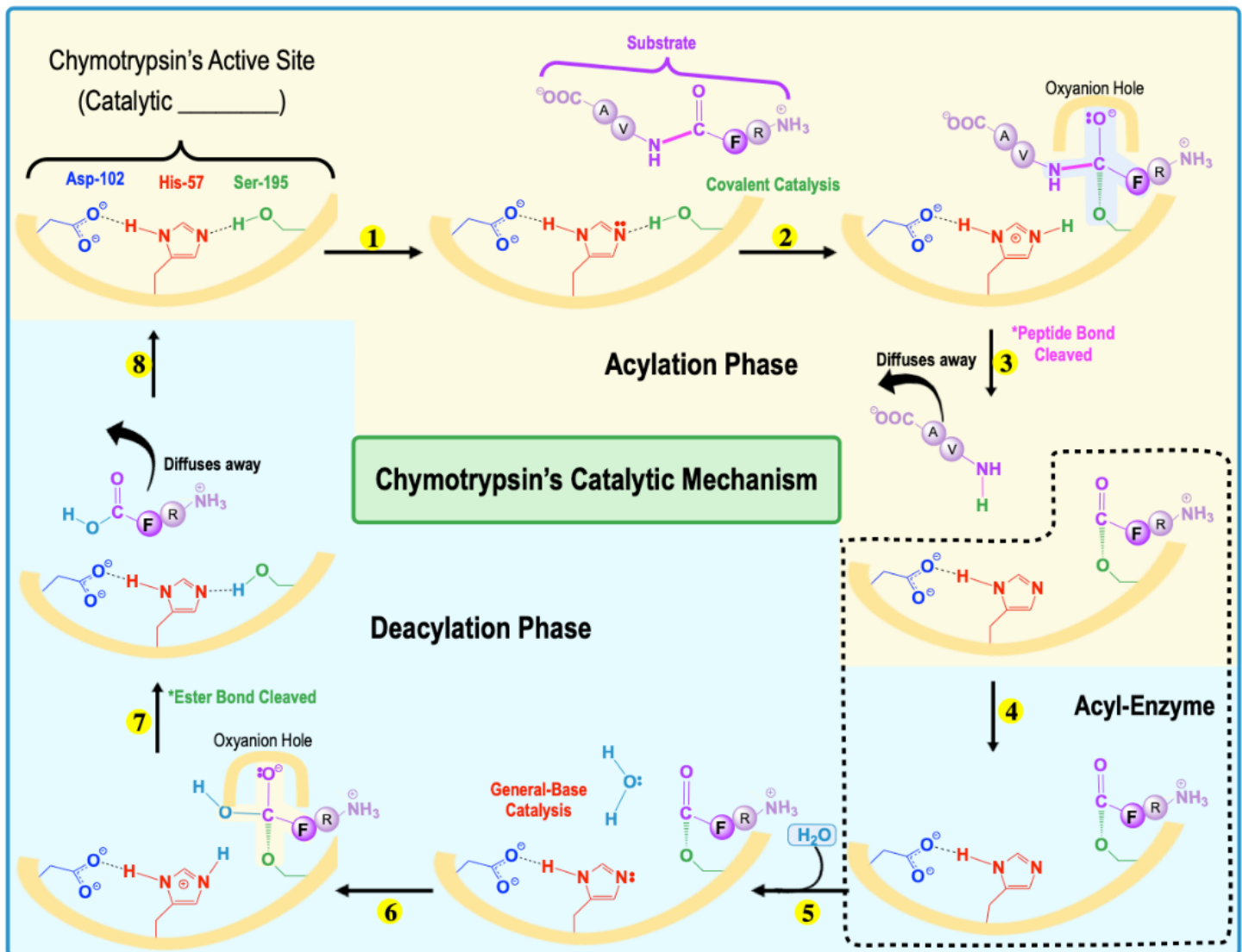
**PRACTICE:** Chymotrypsin's acylation phase is below. The catalytic process of \_\_\_\_\_ is illustrated by arrow # \_\_\_\_\_ and the catalytic process of \_\_\_\_\_ is illustrated by arrow # \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) General-Base catalysis; 1 ; covalent catalysis; 2.
- b) General-Acid catalysis; 1 ; covalent catalysis; 3.
- c) Covalent catalysis; 2 ; covalent catalysis; 3.
- d) Covalent catalysis; 1 ; General-Base catalysis; 3.



## Recap of Chymotrypsin's Catalytic Mechanism

• Let's recap all the steps/phases of chymotrypsin's catalytic mechanism:



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**PRACTICE:** In the mechanism of chymotrypsin, serine-195:

- a) Functions as a nucleophile.
- b) Functions as an electrophile.
- c) Forms a tetrahedral intermediate with part of the substrate.
- d) Is reduced by Aspartate 102.
- e) Is oxidized by Histidine 57.
- f) A and C.
- g) A, C and E.

**PRACTICE:** Sequentially number the following steps of Chymotrypsin's catalytic mechanism in the correct order from 1-8:

- a) Released newly formed amine portion of the substrate diffuses away \_\_\_\_\_
- b) His-57 deprotonates the Ser-195 hydroxyl group, generating a stronger nucleophile \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Tetrahedral intermediate collapses & His-57 donates a  $H^+$  to N of scissile bond (cleaved peptide bond) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Via general-base-catalysis, His-57 deprotonates a water molecule, generating  $OH^-$  \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Tetrahedral intermediate collapses & His-57 donates a proton to Ser-195 (cleaving ester bond) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Released newly formed carboxylic acid portion of the substrate diffuses away & enzyme is restored \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Hydroxide ion attacks the carbonyl group of the substrate, forming another tetrahedral intermediate \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Nucleophilic Ser-195 attacks the carbonyl C of the substrate forming a tetrahedral intermediate \_\_\_\_\_