



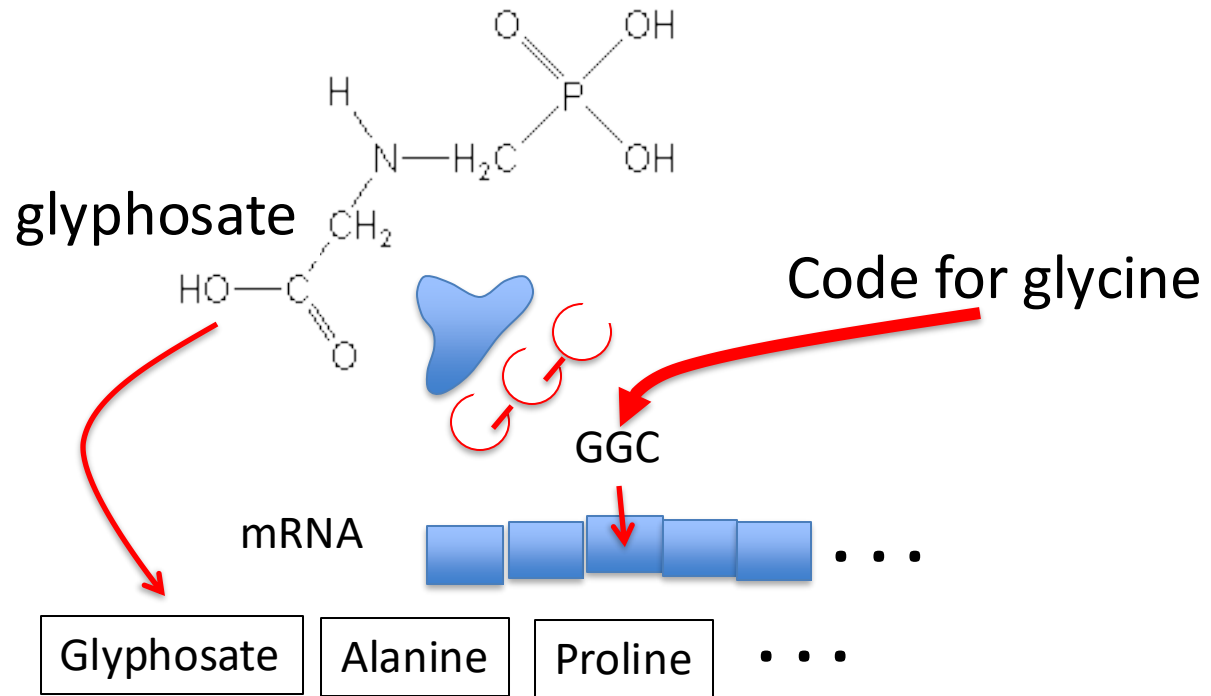
# Glyphosate as Glycine Analogue: Explaining Zika & Microcephaly

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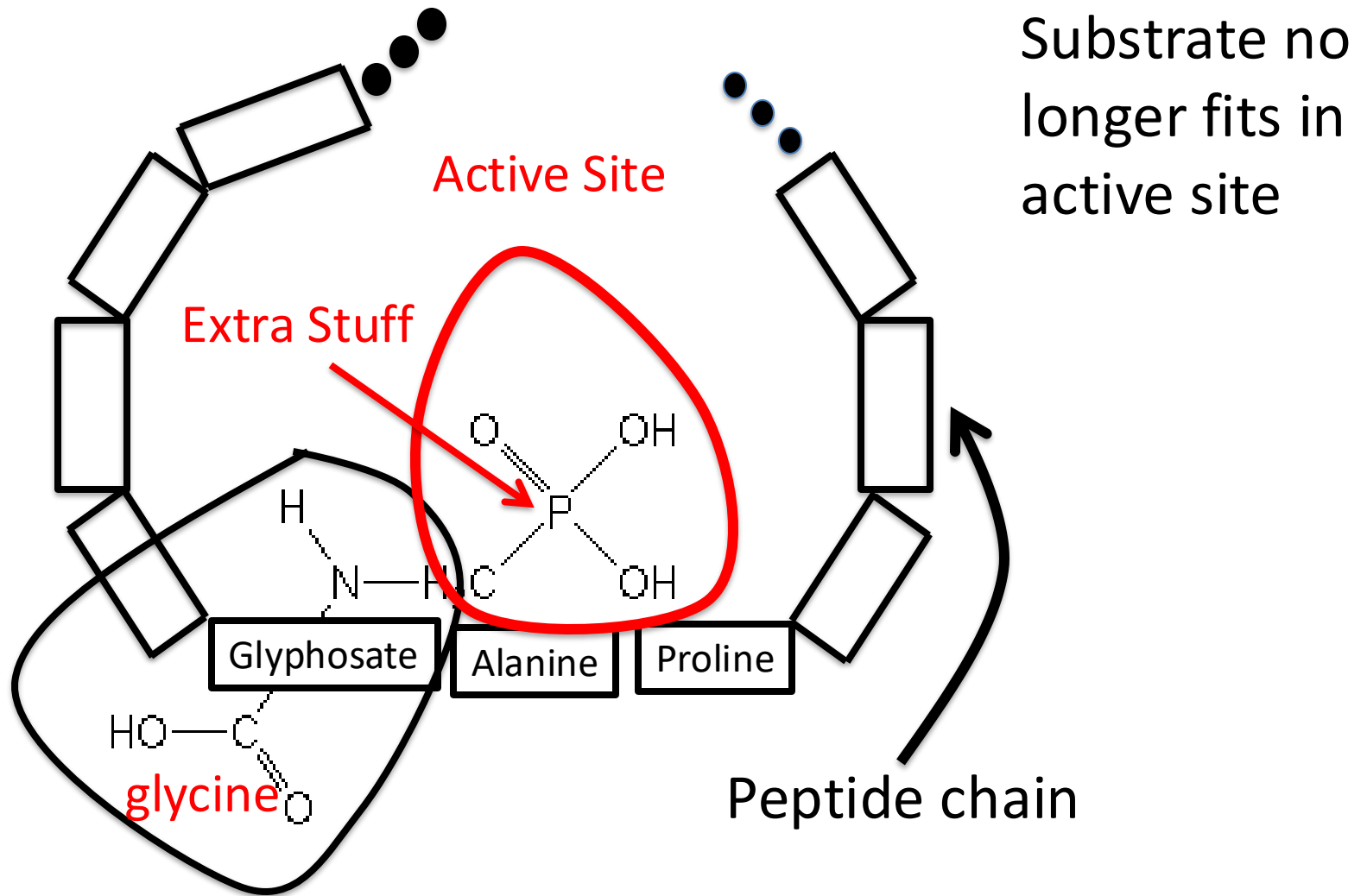
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# What If Glyphosate Could Insert Itself Into Protein Synthesis???



Any proteins with conserved glycine residues are likely to be affected in a major way

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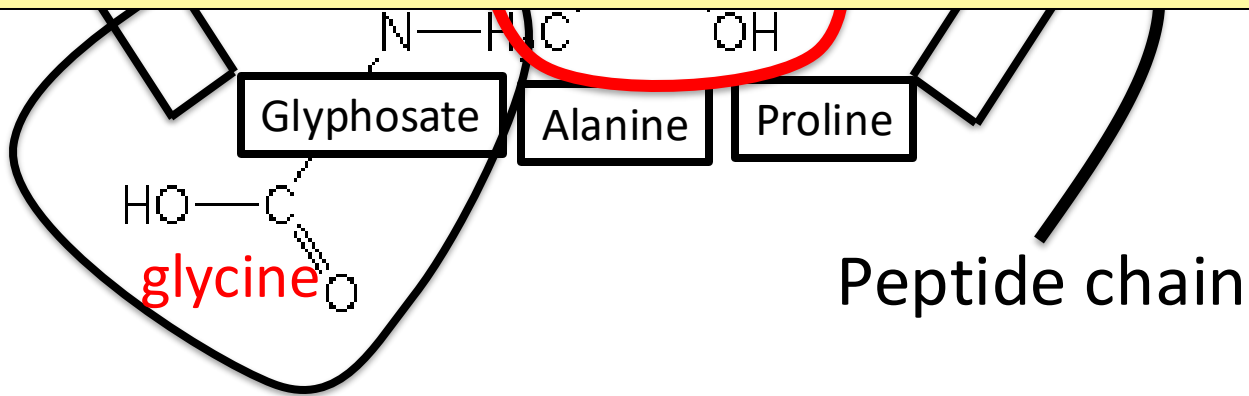


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Substrate no longer fits in active site

This explains how glyphosate suppresses the enzyme EPSPS in the shikimate pathway



# Vulnerable Proteins: Resulting Pathologies

| Conserved Glycines       | Disease Profile       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hormone-sensitive Lipase | Obesity               |
| Insulin Receptor         | Diabetes              |
| Amyloid Beta Plaque      | Alzheimer's Disease   |
| OGG1                     | DNA Damage → Cancer   |
| Lipocalin                | Kidney Failure        |
| ACTH                     | Adrenal Insufficiency |
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Glyphosate insertion by mistake in place of glycine during protein synthesis can easily explain the alarming correlations between glyphosate usage on core crops and a long list of debilitating chronic diseases

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# Zika and Molecular Mimicry

Studies from the Vaccine Induced Immunological Damage (VIID) Program

Zika E Protein:

GWGNGCGLFGKGSLV

Immunoglobulin heavy chain:

GYSSGCGYWGGTLV

- Lots of glycines! – These could get displaced by glyphosate during protein synthesis!!
- Likely to disrupt protein folding and cause resistance to breakdown
  - Autoimmune reaction to similar protein (immunoglobulin heavy chain) due to molecular mimicry

# GMO Mosquito\*

- Grown in contained spaces in Cayman Islands
  - Fed sucrose as larvae followed by blood as adults (sucrose comes from sugar beets or sugar cane)
- Males engineered to become infertile without access to tetracycline
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A Zika virus growing in a GMO mosquito is likely to end up with glyphosate in its proteins

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Very low levels of immunoglobulins are linked to a condition that includes immune deficiency, neurological abnormalities, failure to thrive and microcephaly\*

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