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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

6ANA	6-Aminonicotinic acid
6ANam	6-Aminonicotinamide
6ANAD	6-Aminonicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
6ANMN	6-Aminonicotinamide mononucleotide
ARPPR	Adenosine diphosphate ribose
des 6ANAD	6-Aminonicotinic acid adenine dinucleotide
des NAD	Nicotinic acid dinucleotide
DHAD	Dihydroxyacetone phosphate
NA	Nicotinic acid
NAD	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NADase	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide glycohydrolase
NADP	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
Nam	Nicotinamide
NaMN	Nicotinic Acid mononucleotide
NMN	Nicotinamide mononucleotide
PRPP	5-Phosphoribosyl-1-pyrophosphate
QA	Quinolinic acid
PABA	p-Aminobenzoic acid



## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

6-Aminonicotinic acid (6ANA) inhibits the growth of Escherichia coli. One possible mechanism is metabolism of 6ANA into the analogue of NAD, 6-aminonicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (6ANAD). This analogue in turn could stop the de novo biosynthesis of NAD by repression and feed back inhibition. Also 6ANAD inhibits some NAD dependent oxidation-reduction enzyme reactions. Unlike many NAD analogues 6ANAD is not reducible.

The effects of 6ANA and 6ANam have been studied extensively in mammals. The mechanism of formation of 6ANAD in mammals is through the NAD glycohydrolase exchange reaction; however, this enzyme has not been detected in E. coli. Therefore, the 6ANA or 6ANam must be metabolized by the pyridine nucleotide cycle for conversion into 6ANAD.

In this study an E. coli mutant W3899n (nad B and pnc A) which cannot produce NAD by the de novo pathway has been used. It also cannot deaminate Nam to NA. Therefore, the mutant must have an exogenous source of NA for growth.

The following studies were carried out to determine the bacteriostatic mechanism of this compound (6ANA). 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C was synthesized and incubated with W3899n. The medium and perchloric acid soluble cell fraction were then analyzed using conventional chromatography techniques.

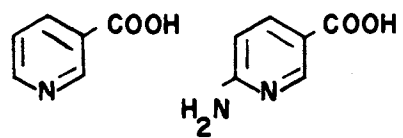
## CHAPTER II

### LITERATURE REVIEW

NAD (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide) and NADP (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate) are cofactors to biological oxidation-reduction reactions (1). These cofactors function by accepting an hydronium ion at the 4 position of the pyridine ring, (2) and donating that hydronium ion to another compound in a reduction reaction. These cofactors, NAD and NADP, and their reduced forms, NADH and NADPH, participate in over 200 different biological oxidation-reduction reactions (1).

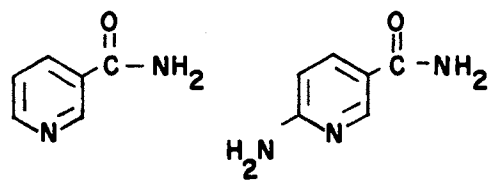
NAD was initially isolated as a dialyzable cofactor required for alcohol production from glucose in yeast extracts by Harden and Young in 1904 (2). This cofactor ("cozymase" or "coenzyme I") contains nicotinamide as established by Albus, Schlenk, and von Euler in 1935 (3). Another dialyzable cofactor ("coferment" or "coenzyme II") which also contained nicotinamide was found by Warburg and Christian (4,5) in 1934. These cofactors were different because coferment could not substitute for cozymase in the production of alcohol from glucose. The elucidation of the structure of these cofactors, NAD and NADP, was accomplished by von Euler et al., (6,7) and Schlenk (8) in 1937. The hydrogen transfer abilities of NAD were elucidated by Warburg and Christian (5,9,10), with Pullman et al. later showing that the reduction takes place at the 4 position (11).

Figure 1. Structures of Nicotinic Acid, 6-Aminonicotinic Acid, Nicotinamide, 6-Aminonicotinamide, Pyridine Nucleotides, and Pyridine Nucleotide Analogue



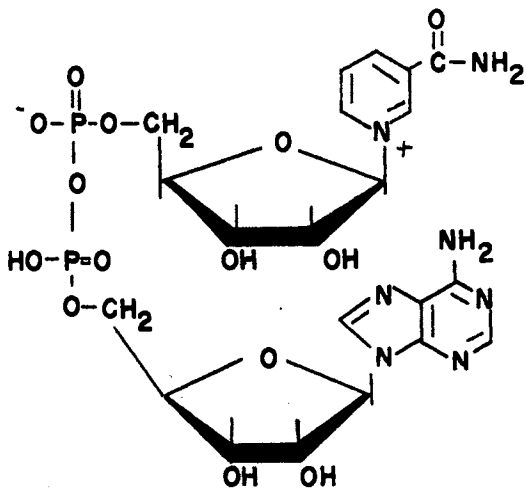
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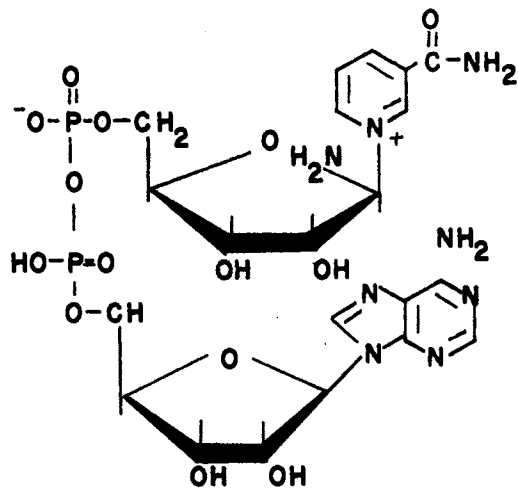


Nam

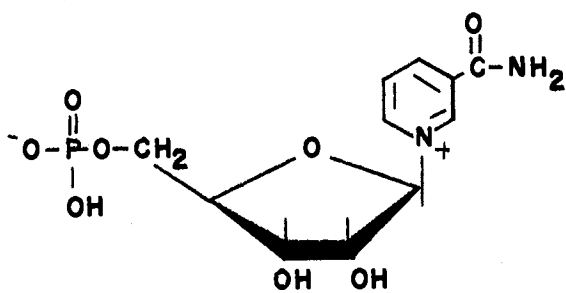
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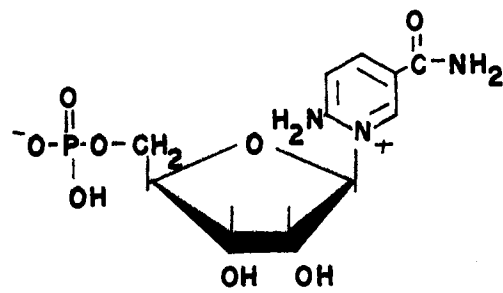
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6ANAD



NMN



6ANMN

## Biosynthesis of NAD

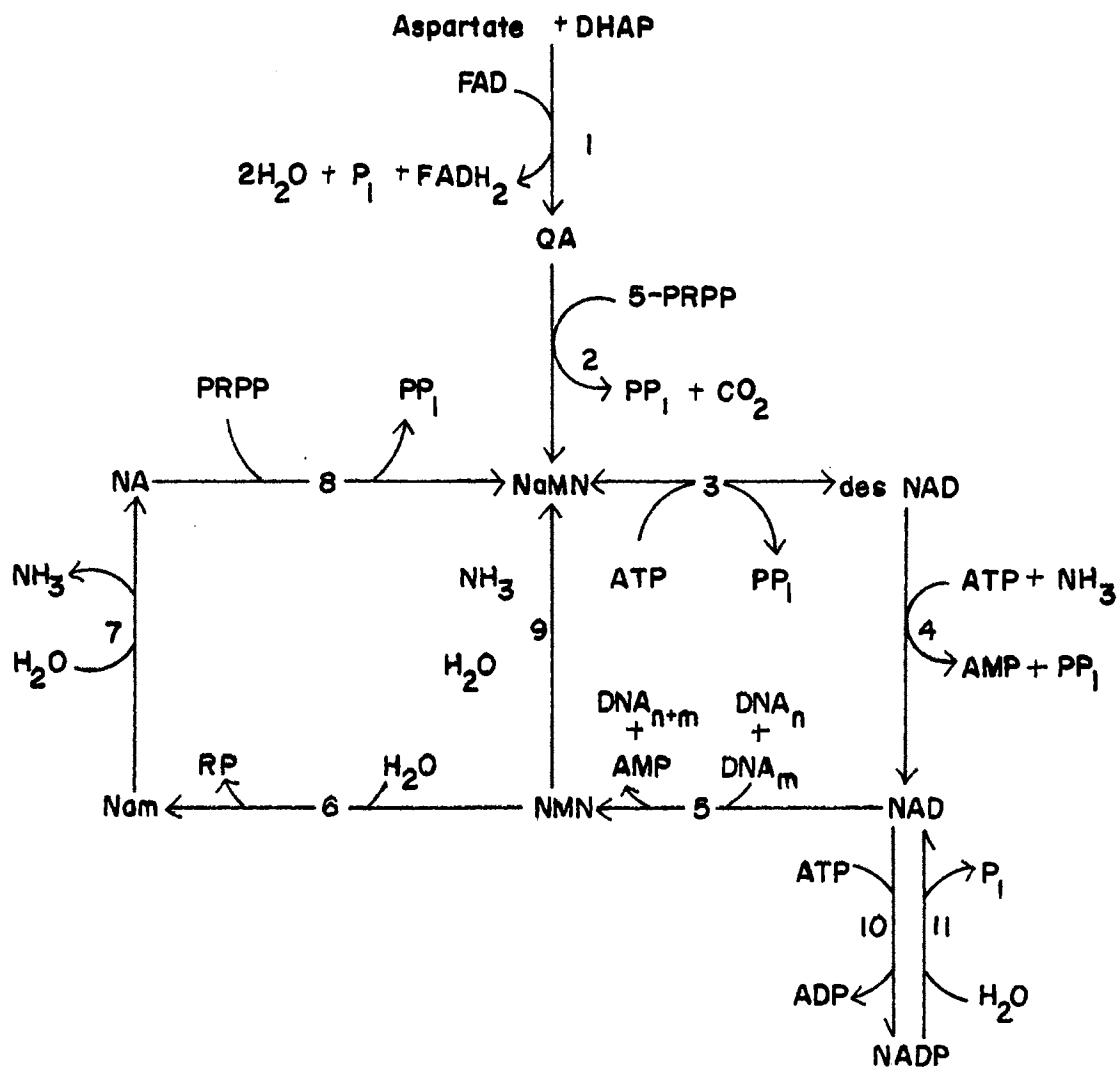
While the structure and many of the properties of NAD were elucidated by 1954, major features of the de novo biosynthesis were not elucidated until the 1960's. The de novo biosynthesis begins with the condensation of aspartate and dihydroxyacetone-phosphate to form quinolinic acid (QA) (12, 13, 14). QA is converted to NaMN with the addition of PRPP and loss of CO<sub>2</sub> (15). NaMN in turn is converted with the addition of AMP from ATP to desamido NAD which is then amidated to form NAD (16). NADP is produced by the reaction  $\text{NAD} + \text{ATP} \rightarrow \text{NADP} + \text{ADP}$  (17). These reactions are summarized in Figure 2.

## Pyridine Nucleotide Cycle

E. coli also contain nicotinamide deamidase and NaMN pyrophosphorylase, allowing conversion of Nam to NA and NA to NaMN (18). A general pyridine nucleotide cycle was proposed by Gholson in 1966 (19). This cycle,  $\text{NaMN} \xrightarrow{\text{des}} \text{NAD} \xrightarrow{\text{NAD}} \text{Nam} \xrightarrow{\text{NA}} \text{NaMN}$ , allows the recovery of Nam formed in the breakdown of NAD.

The degradation of NAD occurs during repair, recombination, or synthesis of DNA. A DNA ligase joins strands of DNA at the expense of one NAD per junction in the reaction  $\text{DNA}_n + \text{DNA}_m + \text{NAD} \rightarrow \text{DNA}_{n+m} + \text{NMN} + \text{AMP}$  (20). There has been no evidence of any other enzymes in E. coli that cleave NAD into NMN and AMP or Nam and ADP-ribose (21). The latter reaction is catalyzed by NAD glycohydrolase which is present in Mycobacterium butyricum (22) and Bacillus subtilis (23). Any NMN produced from the ligase reaction is either converted into NaMN or into Nam and ribose-5-phosphate (21). NMN amidohydrolase deamidates NMN to

Figure 2. The Pyridine Nucleotide Cycle in E. coli



1. Quinolinate Synthetase (A & B protein)
2. Quinolinate Phosphoribosyl Transferase
3. des NAD Pyrophosphorylase
4. NAD Synthetase
5. DNA Ligase
6. NMN Glycohydrolase
7. Nicotinamide Deamidase
8. NaMN Pyrophosphorylase
9. NMN Amidohydrolase
10. NAD Kinase
11. NADP Phosphotase

NAMN producing a cycle within a cycle. Olivera has argued that this cycle: NAMN des NAD NAD NMN NAMN is the major pathway of pyridine nucleotide turnover (24). NMN glycohydrolase splits NMN into Nam and R-5-P also completing a pyridine nucleotide cycle: NAMN des NAD NAD NMN Nam NA NAMN.

### Genetic Studies of de novo Pathway and Pyridine Nucleotide Cycle

The de novo pathway and the pyridine nucleotide cycle have been studied using several E. coli mutants. Three genes in the de novo pathway have been defined: nad A, nad B, and nad C. The nad A gene maps near minute 17 on the E. coli chromosome and produces quinolinate synthetase A protein (25). That is, QA synthetase B activity is present but A activity is not; also QA phosphoribosyl transferase is present in nad A mutants. The nad B genes map between pur I and tyr A at minute 48 (25, 26). These mutants can be divided into two groups, those that complement nad A in vitro and those which do not. The latter lack both QA synthetase A and B protein activities and are presumable regulatory mutants. This class of mutants has been tentatively designated as nad R.

The nad C mutants lack QA phosphoribosyl transferase. This gene is located between leu and pan at approximately minute 1.5 on the genetic map (27). Nad C mutants excrete large amounts of QA into the medium but addition of pyridine derivatives such as NA, Nam, and NAD, in concentrations greater than  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  molar inhibits this excretion. The inhibition is due to repression of both the nad A and nad B structural gene products (28).



Tentative evidence suggests that NAD is the metabolically active feedback inhibitor of QA synthetase.

A mutant blocked within the pyridine nucleotide cycle-pnc A-at the nicotinamide demidase step has been isolated (29). This mutant was produced from a strain (w3899) of E. coli which contained a nad B mutation, producing a double mutant (w3899n) blocked in the de novo pathway and requiring NA for growth but not able to utilize Nam for growth.

#### Analogs of NAD

Analogs of NAD have been used to elaborate the structure of reduced NAD, the structure of NADP, in studies on dehydrogenases, and in studies on carcinostatic NAD analogs. N-methylnicotinamide and other quaternary pyridinium compounds were used to elaborate the structure of reduced NAD in 1937 (30, 31). The position of the 2' monoester phosphate group on NADP was determined by using the 3' isomer of NADP which was inactive with enzymes which require NADP but not with one which uses either NAD or NADP (32). Studies on dehydrogenases have also utilized deoxyadenylic NAD (33) and dinicotinamide Ribose 5' -pyrophosphate (34).

Several analogs of the Nam portion of NAD have also been produced using animal tissue NAD glycohydrolase (NADase). Only animal NADase will catalize the exchange reaction  $ARPPN^+ + X \rightarrow ARPPX^+ + N$  (35). This reaction is inhibited 50% by  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M nicotinamide. Neurospora also contains a NAD glycohydrolase which catalyzes NAD hydrolysis but not the exchange reaction and is not affected by nicotinamide (36). The isonicotinic acid hydrazide analog of NAD was the first such

compound studied (36). This analog is not enzymatically reducible but  $10^{-3}$  M analogue has no significant effect on the rate of reduction of NAD by yeast alcohol dehydrogenase, horse liver alcohol dehydrogenase, transhydrogenase of Pseudomonas, or rabbit muscle lactate dehydrogenase (37). This analogue can be cleaved by NADase.

The 3-acetylpyridine analogue of NAD has also been produced using the same reaction as with INH (38). This analogue, however, is enzymatically reducible, as the 4 position is available for reduction. The rate of reduction is only 1/20 that of NAD with yeast alcohol dehydrogenase. Other analogs are listed in Table I.

#### 6ANA and 6ANam in Mammalian Systems

Much work has been done with 6ANA and 6ANam in mammals since it was found toxic to rabbits and rats in 1955 (40). At low dosage levels 6ANam caused paralysis of the extremities and blindness. Further studies with rats confirmed the delayed effect of the compound, and it was concluded that 6ANam was an antimetabolite of Nam (41). Shapiro, Bietrich, and Shils tested 6ANam for carcinostatic activity against the 755 mammary adenocarcinoma of mice because 6ANam was such a potent antagonist of Nam (42). 6ANam exerted strong antitumor activity against the mammary adenocarcinoma and this effect was completely reversed by the administration of nicotinamide. Further, radiotherapy in combination with treatment with 6ANam was effective in damaging the tumors (43).

The mechanism of action of 6ANam was postulated as conversion to the nonphysiological nucleotide analogues of NAD and NADP. This analogue formation may be irreversible, thus, not allowing the tissue

TABLE I<sup>a</sup>  
 COMPARISON OF REACTIONS OF NAD WITH SOME  
 3-SUBSTITUTED PYRIDINE ANALOGUES  
 OF NAD

-X N-R	Reaction with cyanide	Reduced by yeast alcohol dehydrogenase	Reduced by hydrosulfite
X			
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{C}-\text{NH}_2 \end{array}$	+	+	+
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$	+	+	+
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{C}-\text{H} \end{array}$	+	+	+
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ -\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \end{array}$	+	-	+
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \\ \parallel \quad   \\ -\text{C}-\text{N}-\text{H} \end{array}$	+	-	+
$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\   \\ -\text{C}-\text{CH}_3 \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	-	-	-
$-\text{CH}_3$	-	-	-

<sup>a</sup>(39)

to rid itself of the analogue (37). 6ANam was converted to 6ANAD and 6ANADP in vivo and in vitro and the effects of these analogues were tested on several NAD dependent enzymatic systems in the 755 tumor. The activities of 3-phosphoglyceraldehyde dehydrogenase, the conversion of B-hydroxybutyrate to acetoacetate, and -ketoglutarate oxidase were markedly inhibited, while lactic acid dehydrogenase was unaffected (44). 6ANam lowers the level of ADP and ATP and greatly increases the concentration of AMP in the 755 tumor.

A study (Table II) on the energies of molecular orbitals of NAD, NADH, and 6ANAD revealed that the lowest empty electronic orbital is placed much higher in 6ANAD than in NAD (45). Thus, the analogue does not possess the pronounced electron-acceptor properties of the true coenzyme and cannot function as an electron carrier in the respiratory chain or in other oxidation-reduction reactions (45).

6ANam has also been used to study the hexose-monophosphate shunt as related to glucose induced insulin release, because 6ANam markedly reduces oxidation of (1-<sup>14</sup>C) glucose but does not affect oxidation of glucose labelled in C-6. Also pretreatment with 6ANam does not change the insulin concentration in the test animals (46, 47).

Further studies in 6ANam in animal systems include studies on behavioral changes in rats (48), effects on erythrocytes (49), effects on Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> active transport in rat tubular cells (50), and effects of 6ANam in the presence of rat brain microsome nucleosidases (51).

In mammals, the incorporation of 6ANam into 6ANAD does not occur primarily through the pyridine nucleotide cycle, but through exchange with the Nam portion of NAD by NAD glycohydrolase (51). To reiterate, this enzyme has not been found in E. coli. One result of this exchange

TABLE II<sup>a</sup>  
ENERGIES OF MOLECULAR ORBITALS

	<u>Compounds</u>		
	<u>NAD<sup>+</sup></u>	<u>NADH</u>	<u>6ANAD<sup>+</sup></u>
Energy of Lowest Empty Molecular Orbital (ev)	-0.356	-0.915	-0.471
Energy of Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (ev)	1.032	0.298	0.735

<sup>a</sup>(45)

reaction is that in mammals the concentration of 6ANA must be seven times that of 6ANam to produce the same effects (52).

#### 6ANA and 6ANam in Bacterial Systems

Limited work has been done with 6ANA in bacterial systems. 6ANA was first studied as an analogue of p-aminobenzoic acid. It was bacteriostatic to E. coli and Streptococcus hemolyticus but not to Diplococcus pneumoniae (53). These effects were reversed by PABA.

In 1970 the folic acid analogue containing 6ANA was synthesized to study its antineoplastic activity (54). The analogue was inactive against leukemia L1210 in mice and noncytotoxic when tested against HE<sub>p</sub>-2 cells in culture. The analogue supported growth of Streptococcus faecalis.

In a study on bacteriophage in 1951 6ANA suppressed the multiplication of the phage but the inhibition could be reversed by Nam or PABA or acetic acid (55).

## CHAPTER III

### METHODS AND MATERIALS

#### Synthesis of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C

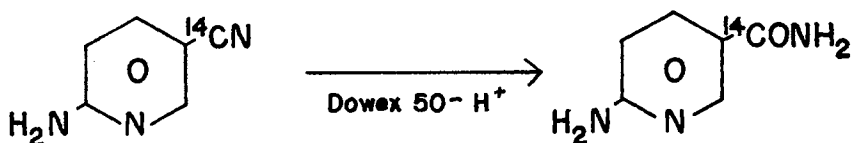
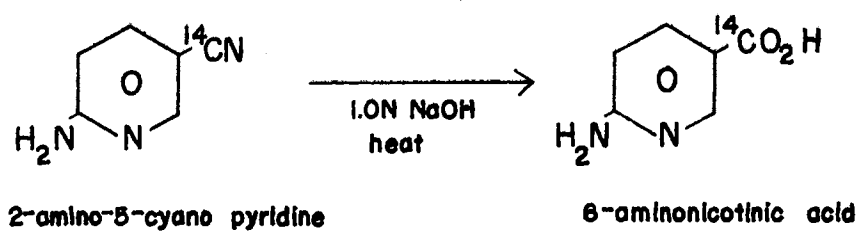
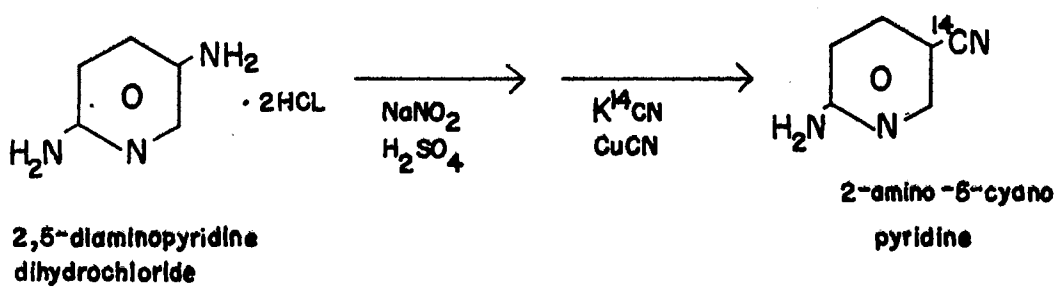
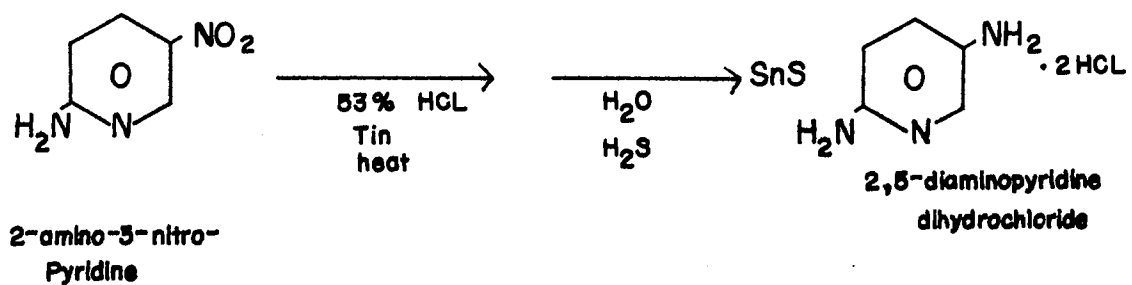
The procedure (Figure 3) of Wacker, Lochmann, and Trager (56) was used in the preparation of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C. This procedure was also used to prepare 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C except that the 2-amino-5-cyano-pyridine-<sup>14</sup>C was not hydrolyzed with NaOH. Instead, Dowex 50 hydrogen form was added to the reaction mixture and heated at 100° for one hour. 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C was removed from the resin with water. The specific activity of the 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C was 3.2 millicuries per millimole and the specific activity of the 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C was 2.7 millicuries per millimole. The purity of each was checked by autoradiography using thin layer chromatography systems I and II (57).

#### Cultures

The E. coli mutants, W3899 and W3899n, were maintained in nutrient agar slab cultures. New nutrient agar plate cultures used for inoculation were prepared monthly. Each mutant was checked for its genetic characteristics before each experiment. Experimental cultures were grown in the minimal medium of Yates and Pardee (58) with vigorous shaking at 37°. The only addition to this medium was 10<sup>-6</sup> molar NA. The bacteria were grown in volumes of 25 ml, 100 ml, 500, and 10 liters.

Figure 3. Synthesis of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C  
See Text for Experimental Details.





Each culture was inoculated from a starter culture of 5% its volume. When the concentration of cells reached approximately  $10^9$  cells/ml the suspension was centrifuged on a Sorvall RC2-B at 15,000 rpm for 15 minutes at  $4^\circ$  in a SS-34 head. The 10 liter batch was harvested with a Sharples centrifuge. The bacteria were washed with 0.9% NaCl.

#### Test Cultures

The washed cells were resuspended in minimal medium in amounts equal to those from which they were harvested.  $2 \times 10^{-4}$ M 6ANA- $^{14}$ C and  $10^{-4}$ M PABA or an equal concentration of control compound, NA- $^{14}$ C, Nam- $^{14}$ C, or 6ANam- $^{14}$ C were added to the media. The cultures were shaken at  $37^\circ$  for six hours, harvested, washed and suspended in deionized water at five milliliters per gram. The suspended cells were sonicated at  $4^\circ$  with a Branson Sonifier at 10 amperes DC for one minute per 20 milliliters. An equal volume of 15% perchloric acid was immediately added to the sonicate. The solution was centrifuged in a Sorvall centrifuge for 30 minutes at 20,000 rpm in a SS-34 head. The supernatant was neutralized to pH 7 with 10N KOH and centrifuged at  $4^\circ$ . This supernatant was analyzed by ion exchange chromatography.

#### Ion Exchange Chromatography

The medium in which the cells were incubated for six hours and the cell extracts were passed through Dowex 1 X 8 formate columns (3cm X 60 cm). Water and varying normalities of formic acid were used to elute the various compounds. In the case of the medium, cold authentic carrier (6ANA and 6ANam - final concentration  $10^{-2}$ M) were added except when noted. The fractions (10mls) from the columns were

collected on a Buchler fraction collector and absorbance, conductivity on a Radiometer conductivity meter, and radioactivity were measured.

Some fractions were further purified on a Bio-Rad cellex-D anion exchange cellulose column (1cm x 40cm) using a  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$  gradient from 0 M to 0.4 M for elution.

#### Spectroscopic Methods

Spectroscopic studies were made with a Beckman DB spectrophotometer. UV and visible light scans of 6ANA and NA compounds were run using a 0.1 M phosphate buffer at the noted pH's. Columns fractions were monitored at  $A_{260}$  unless otherwise specified, using a Gilson automatic transferator and a water blank.

#### Liquid Scintillation

Radioactivity was determined using liquidscintillation counting. Samples were added to 10 ml of counting liquid in scintillation vials and assayed on a Packard Tri-Carb liquid scintillation spectrometer series 314A or model 3003. The scintillation liquid was a mixture of 4 grams PPO, 0.2 grams POPOP, 400 ml ethanol, and 600 ml toluene making one liter. The dpm of each sample was calculated using the channels ratio method for quench correction and counting efficiency. Quantitative calculations were made assuming the specific activity of the labeled remained constant.

#### Thin Layer Chromatography

Thin layer chromatography involved the use of Analtech, Inc. cellulose glass plates, 250 microns thick with fluorescent indicator.

Also, Brinkmann Polygram cel 300 PEI plates were used. Whatman DE81 paper was used for all paper chromatography. The solvent systems are listed in Table III.

#### Enzyme Studies

NAD was assayed by using the recycling method of Rasmussen, Nielsen, and Schack (60).

Phosphodiesterase (E.C. No. 3.1.4.1) was used in the hydrolysis of 6ANAD to 6ANMN and AMP. See Figure 4. The procedure for hydrolysis followed Kaplan and Stolzenbach's method (61) for production of NMN from NAD except that 6ANAD was substituted for NAD. The products of the 6ANAD reaction and NAD control reaction were separated on a Dowex 1 X 2 column.

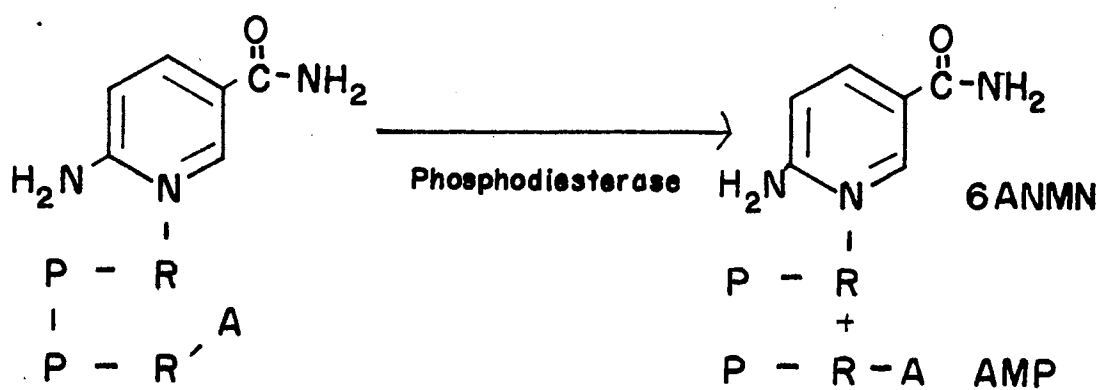
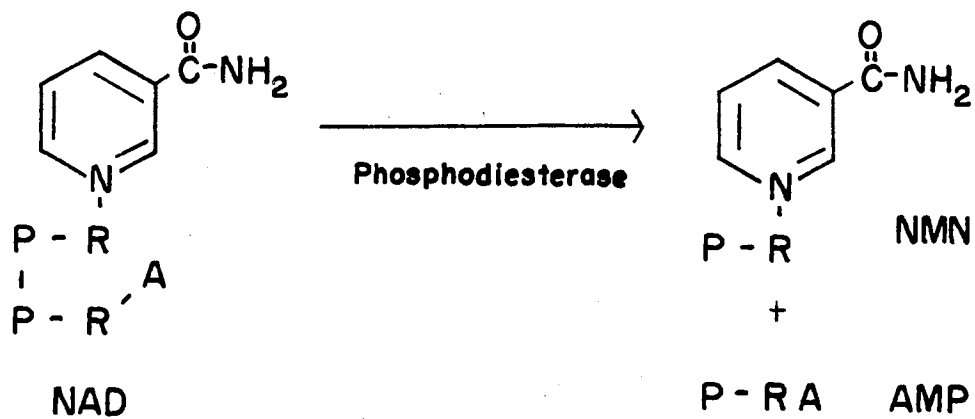
NAD glycohydrolase (NADase, E.C. No. 3.2.2.5) from pig brain was used to synthesize 6ANAD from NAD and 6ANam. The procedure of Honjo and Nishizuka (62) was modified to accomplish the exchange reaction. Sixty millimoles of 6ANam and pig brain NADase was used instead of sixty millimoles of NA and beef spleen NADase. The NAD recycling assay measured the loss of NAD. The reaction is shown in Figure 5.

NADase was also used in the identification of 6ANAD produced in vivo. One milligram of 6ANAD-<sup>14</sup>C was added to 0.5 ml of 0.1 M phosphate buffer and 10 milligrams of NADase. At various times 0.1 ml of solution was removed and 0.05 ml perchloric acid added to stop the reaction. The mixture was then analyzed on chromatography system V.

TABLE III  
THIN LAYER AND PAPER CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEMS

Support System	Solvent
I Cellulose plate	n-butanol sat. with H <sub>2</sub> O: NH <sub>4</sub> OH, 66:6
II Cellulose plate	n-butanol sat. with H <sub>2</sub> O: acetic acid, 66:3
III Cellulose plate	isobutyric acid: H <sub>2</sub> O: NH <sub>4</sub> OH, 66:33:1
IV Cellulose/PEI	0.1 M LiCl
V DE81 paper	0.25 M NH <sub>4</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub>

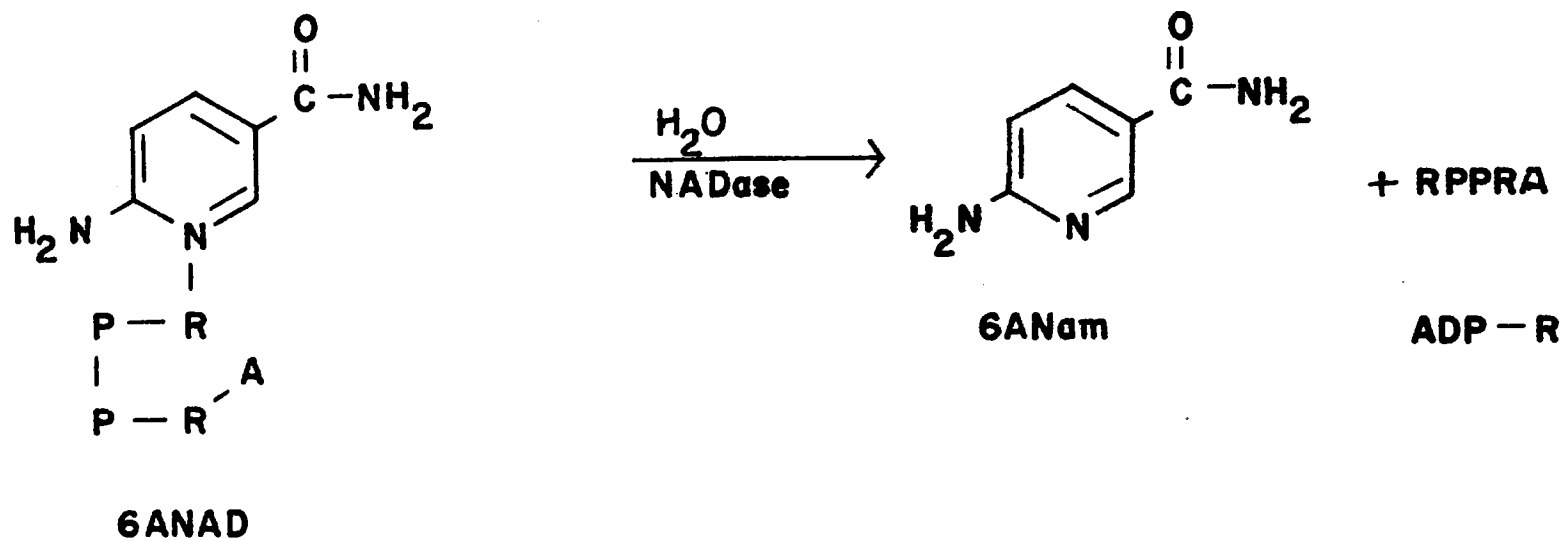
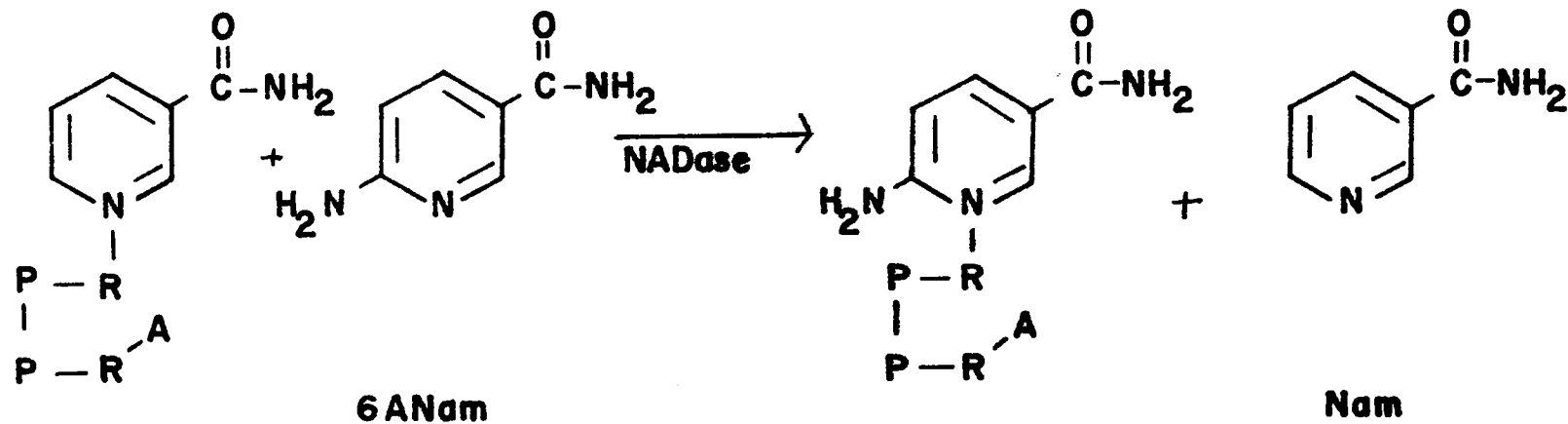
Figure 4. Reactions of Phosphodiesterase



Reaction mixtures contain 0.15 mM pyridine nucleotide, 0.03 M  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , and 100 mg of enzyme in 30 ml of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  buffer at pH 8.2.

Figure 5. Reactions of NAD glycohydrolase (NADase).  
See Text for Experimental Conditions.





### Chemicals

The  $K^{14}CN$  (1mCi/mg) utilized in the synthesis of 6ANA- $^{14}C$  and 6ANam- $^{14}C$ , and the NA- $^{14}C$  were obtained from New England Nuclear. 6ANam, NA, NAm, phosphodiesterase, NAD glycohydrolase, and alcohol dehydrogenase were purchased from the Sigma Company. PABA was purchased from Eastman Organic Chemicals. 2-Amino-5-nitro-pyridine was obtained from Aldrich Company, PPO and POPOP were obtained from the Packard Instrument Company. All other chemicals were obtained from major supply houses.

## CHAPTER IV

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Conversion of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C to 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C

The initial experiment (Figure 6) concerned the conversion of 6ANA to 6ANam in mutant W3899n. Because of the nicotinamide deaminase block, Nam is excreted into the medium when the cells are incubated in the presence of NA. Therefore, if 6ANam is excreted when the bacteria are fed 6ANA, then this analogue must have gone through the pyridine nucleotide cycle. Ten ml cultures of cells were incubated with  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C for six hours. After the cells were removed from the medium, 1 ml each of  $10^{-3}$  M 6ANA and  $10^{-3}$  M 6ANam were added to the medium. The medium was placed on a Dowex 1 formate column and eluted according to the procedure in the Methods. The fractions were monitored for absorbance at  $A_{260}$  and <sup>14</sup>C content. Two radioactive peaks were observed, Figure 7. These peaks, one eluting with water and the other with formate, coincided with the absorbance peaks of 6ANam and 6ANA respectively. Using thin layer chromatography with systems I and II. For identification, the peak eluting with water was shown to be 6ANam and the peak eluting with formate was 6ANA. The peak eluting with water was also hydrolyzed using 1N NaOH and the product was 6ANA using systems I and II.

Figure 6. The Excretion of Nam-<sup>14</sup>C from Cells Incubated with  
NA-<sup>14</sup>C. See Text for Experimental Details.

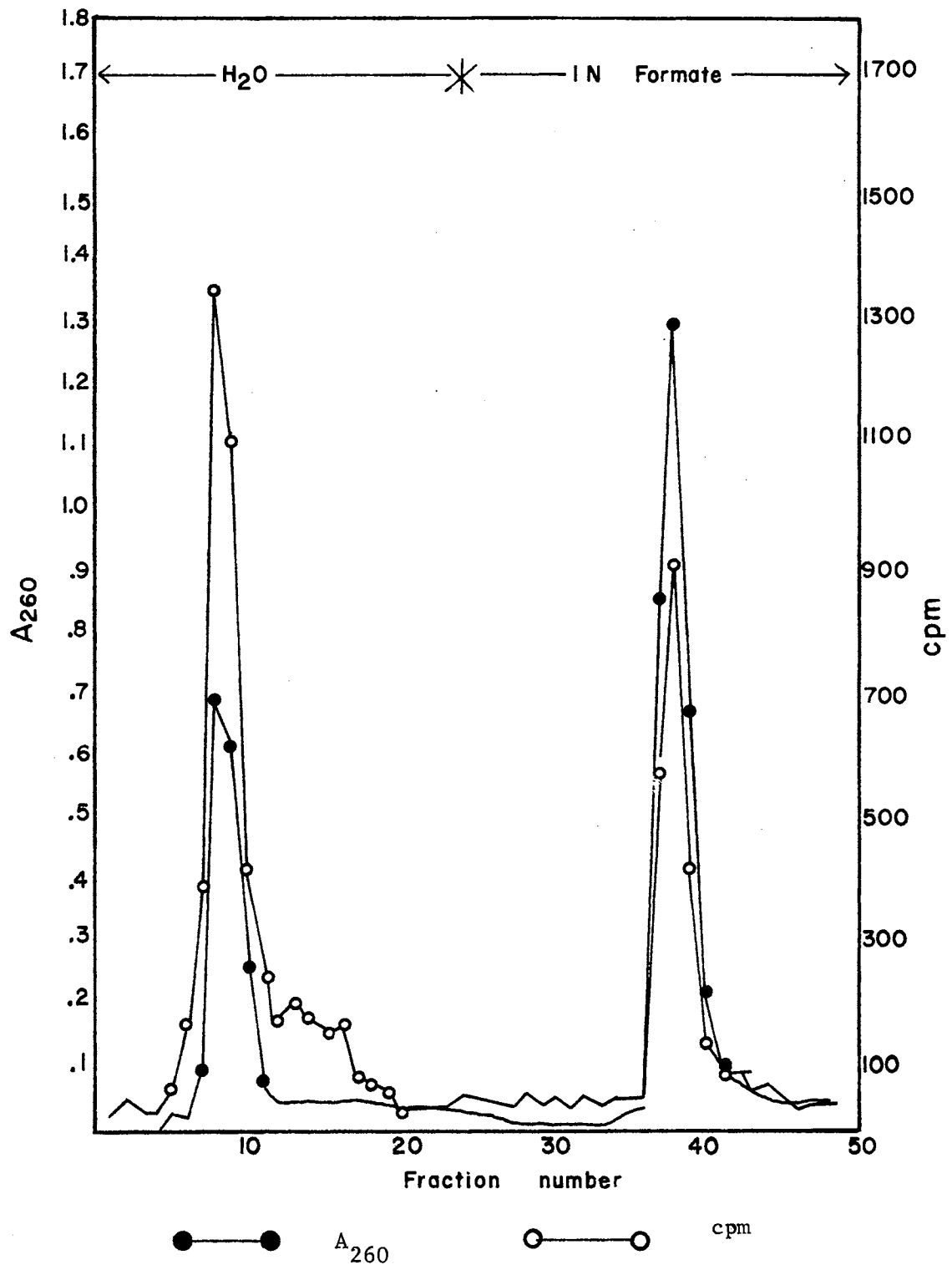
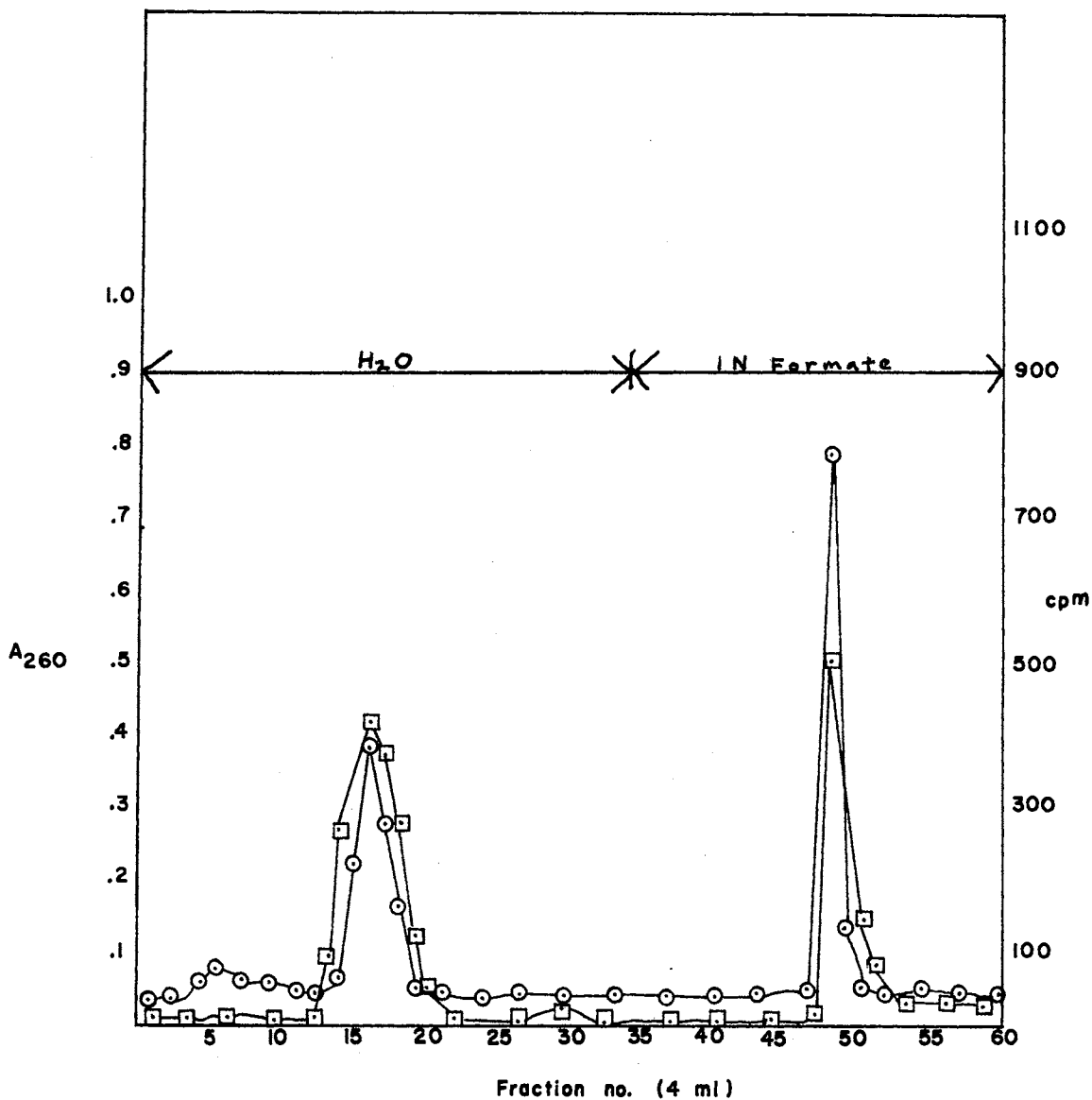


Figure 7. The Excretion of 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C from Cells  
Incubated with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C.



The medium from *E. coli* W3899n cells incubated with  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M 6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$  was run on a Dowex 1 X 8 formate column 35cm X 1cm. The column was eluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 1N formic acid. 4 ml fractions were collected.

○-----○ = cpm;

□-----□ = absorbance at 260nm

### Cell Concentration

The concentration of W3899n used in these experiments was  $10^9$  cells/ml to  $4 \times 10^9$  cells/ml. This optimum range (Figure 8) was determined by incubating the cells at various concentrations and checking for the conversion of 6ANA to 6ANam by ion exchange chromatography. As cell concentration increases the amount of  $^{14}\text{C}$  remaining in the medium continuously decreases. However, the maximum excretion of 6ANam- $^{14}\text{C}$  occurred at a concentration range of  $1 \times 10^9$ - $2 \times 10^9$  cells/ml which is the normal concentration of cells in late log phase.

Table IV shows the increase in numbers of cells/ml in the incubation cultures as determined by plate counts. The blank (no NA or 6ANA added) and the 6ANA experiments showed only growth from residual NA present. The NA experiment, however, showed that the W3899n was still in log phase.

### Effect of Time Course on Incubation

The time course of 6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$  uptake (Figure 9) and 6ANam- $^{14}\text{C}$  excretion was then determined. W3899n was incubated in a 100 ml culture containing  $2 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$  6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$ . At designated times 1 ml aliquots were removed and centrifuged using an International Clinical centrifuge at  $4^\circ$ . An aliquot of the supernatant (0.1 ml) was counted and 0.1 ml was analyzed by thin layer chromatography system I. The plates were scraped and the scrapings counted for  $^{14}\text{C}$ . Initial difference in total dpm in supernat and in 6ANA dpm lies in experimental error.



Figure 8. Determination of Optimum Cell Concentration for Excretion of 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C.

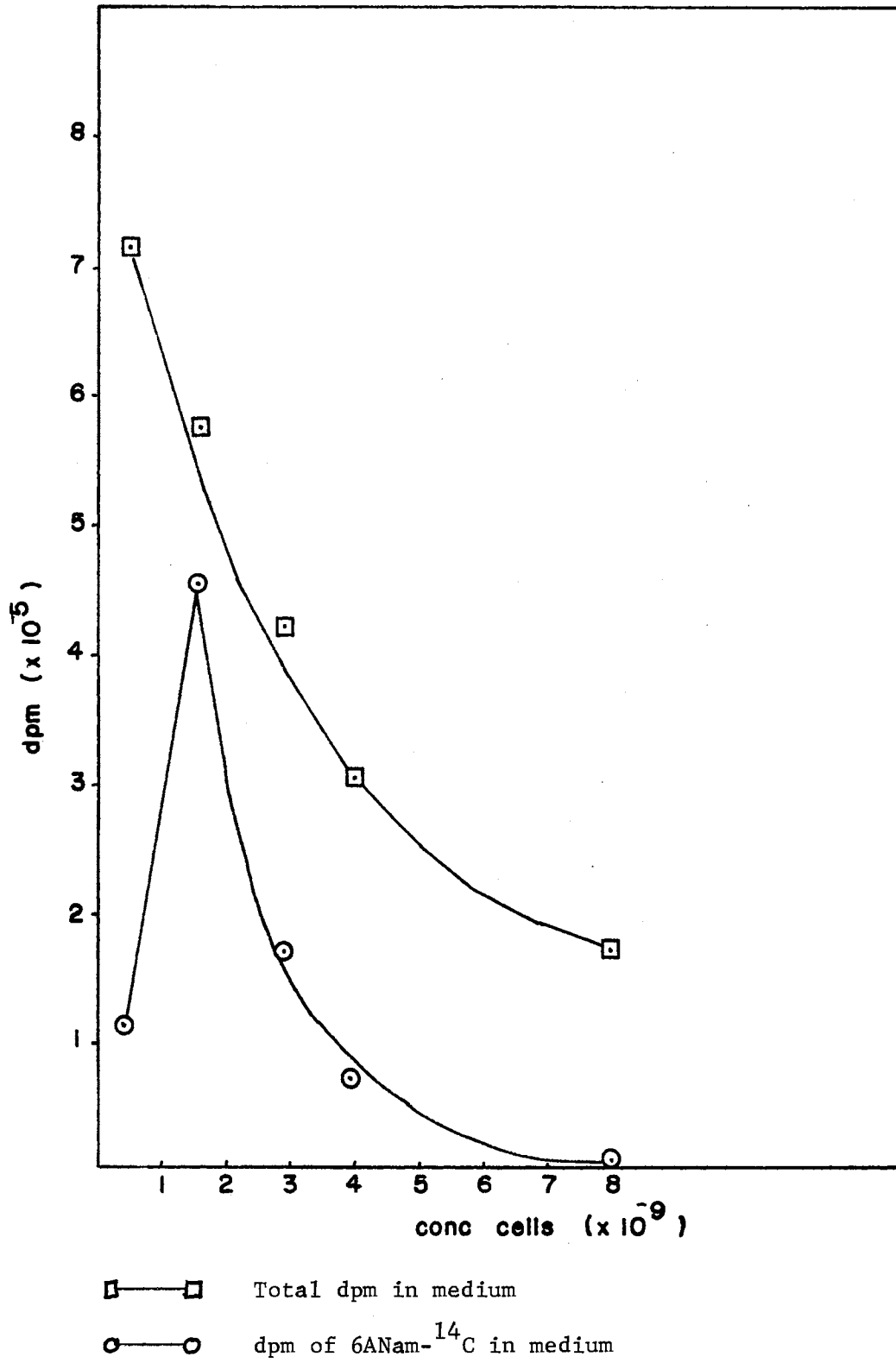
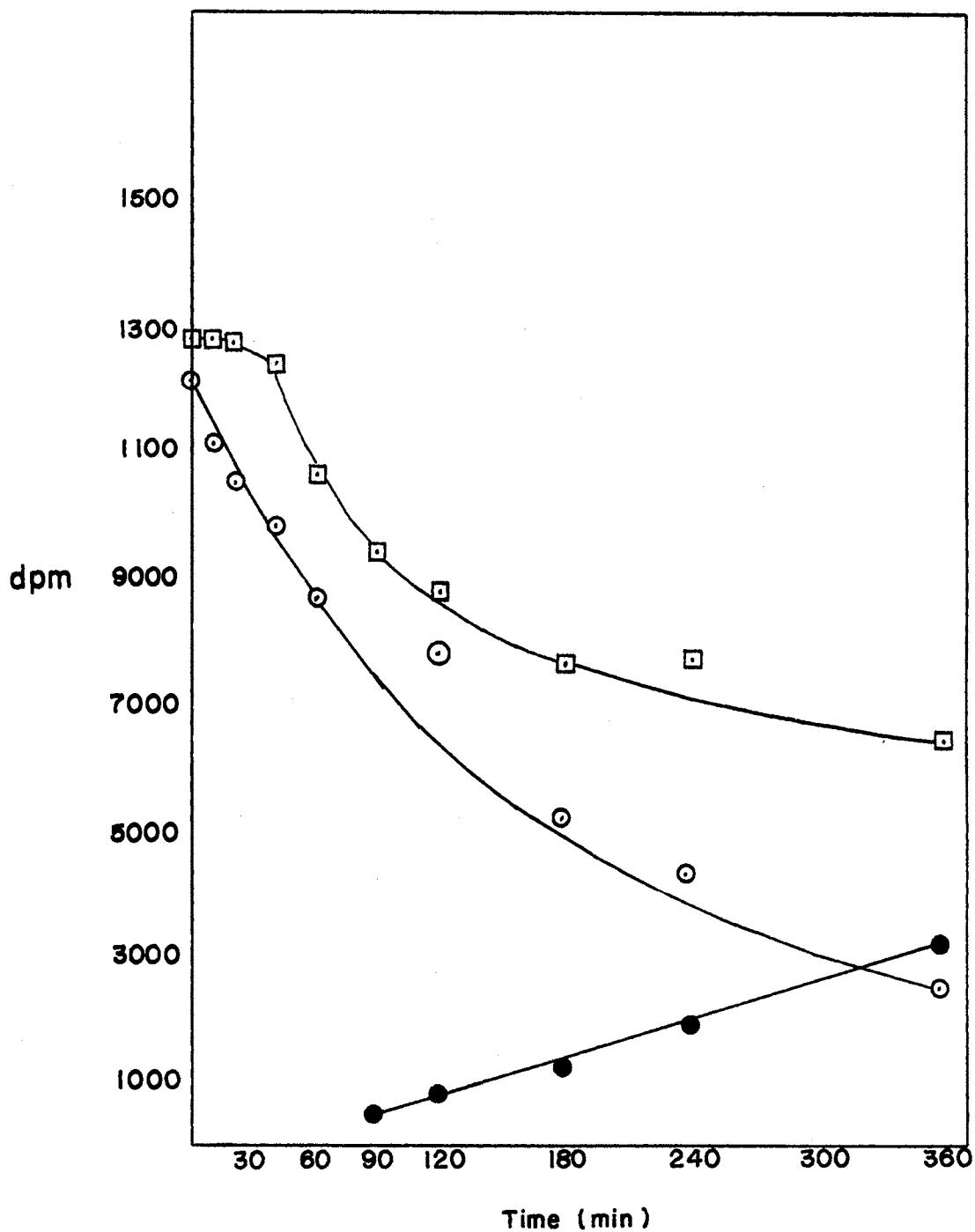


TABLE IV  
CELL COUNTS AFTER 6 HOURS OF INCUBATION  
WITH TEST COMPOUNDS<sup>a</sup>

	cells/ml X 10 <sup>9</sup> t=0	cells/ml X 10 <sup>9</sup> t=6	<u>t=6</u> <u>t=0</u>
Blank	3.3	8.2	2.5
NA	2.7	9.3	3.5
6ANA	2.9	7.7	2.6

<sup>a</sup>See text for experimental details.

Figure 9. Determination of Time Required to Accumulate 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C  
Compounds in Cells



Cells were grown in a 100 ml culture with  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C. One ml of media was removed at various times, the cells were removed and the media counted and analyzed on TLC system I.

□—□ Total dpm  
 ○—○ 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C  
 ●—● 6ANAm-<sup>14</sup>C

After an initial lag, the 6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$  is taken up by the cells. After about 90 minutes 6ANam- $^{14}\text{C}$  appears in the supernatant but at a slower rate than the disappearance of 6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$ . Therefore, a  $^{14}\text{C}$  compound or compounds accumulate inside the cell. After six hours approximately 50% of the  $^{14}\text{C}$  is inside the cells. 10% of the  $^{14}\text{C}$  was lost presumably as  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  or perchloric acid insoluble compounds.

NA- $^{14}\text{C}$ , on the other hand, is taken into the cell very rapidly for 90 minutes. At this time the rate of uptake is greatly decreased. See Figure 10. All  $^{14}\text{C}$  was recovered in the medium or in the perchloric acid soluble cellular extract.

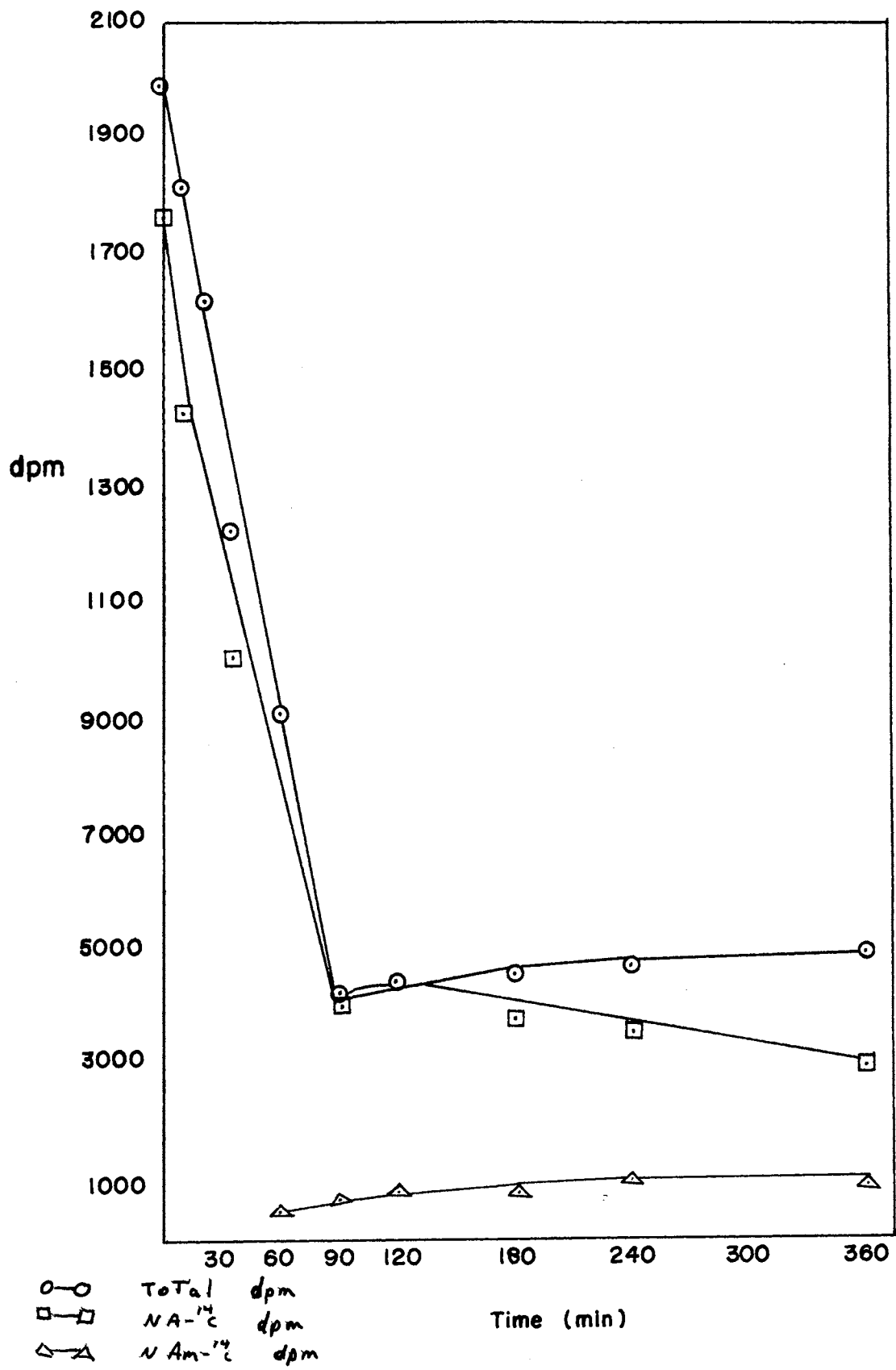
#### Excretion Controls

Control experiments were run to show that W3899n (nad B pnc A) did not excrete any  $^{14}\text{C}$  compounds upon incubation with 6ANam- $^{14}\text{C}$  or Nam- $^{14}\text{C}$ . In addition to W3899n, W3899 (nad B) was checked. In each case the supernatant was analyzed for the acid and corresponding amide. It was seen that W3899n cannot produce acid from amide while W3899 (nicotinamide deaminase present) can produce acid from amide. Both mutants produce and excrete amide (6ANam- $^{14}\text{C}$  and Nam- $^{14}\text{C}$ ) from acid (6ANA- $^{14}\text{C}$  and NA- $^{14}\text{C}$ ).

#### Perchloric Acid Soluble Cellular Compounds

Because 6ANA is a structural analogue of paraaminobenzoic acid (PABA), it can be incorporated into a folic acid analogue. To study only the effects of 6ANA on the pyridine nucleotide cycle, PABA was added to the incubation mixture to a concentration of  $10^{-3}\text{M}$  to prevent formation of the folic acid analogue of 6ANA. Results of

Figure 10. The Time Course of Uptake of NA-<sup>14</sup>C and Excretion of Nam-<sup>14</sup>C. See Text for Experimental Detail.





Dowex-1-Formate chromatography of the perchloric acid soluble cell extract of cells incubated with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and with/without PABA are shown in figures 11 and 12 respectively. Only the sixth peak on each profile is changed. Two separate compounds are found with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and only one with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and PABA only one.

The perchloric acid soluble fraction of cell extracts from 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C plus PABA and NA-<sup>14</sup>C experiments were also chromatographed on Dowex 1 formate columns. In the case of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C, seven radioactive peaks were observed (Figures 13 & 14). With NA-<sup>14</sup>C five radioactive peaks were observed. The NA-<sup>14</sup>C metabolites were identified using cold authentic compounds on ion exchange chromatography, thin layer and paper chromatography Systems I and V. The  $R_f$  values are shown in Table V. Peak I is Nam; Peak II is NA; Peak III is NAD; Peak V is NADP; Peak IV is unassigned.

#### Identification of 6ANAD

Peak V of the 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C cell extract contains the highest total activity of the 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C metabolites. This peak also contains as detected NAD by the cycling assay and, therefore, was subjected to further investigation. The peak was placed on a DEAE cellulose-HCO<sub>3</sub> column which was eluted with water and then with a NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> gradient. The radioactive material eluted with water and at the beginning of the gradient. The NAD is eluted from the column (Figure 15) when the conductivity of the elution reaches 2 mmho. The radioactive peak eluting with bicarbonate was further purified over the same column again. Again a small <sup>14</sup>C peak was eluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and the major <sup>14</sup>C peak with (Figure 16). Formation of first peak is evidence that the major peak

Figure 11. Anion Exchange Chromatography of Extract from Cells Incubated with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C and PABA. See Text for Experimental Procedures.

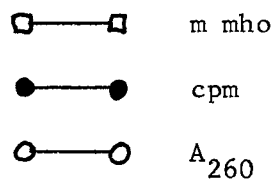
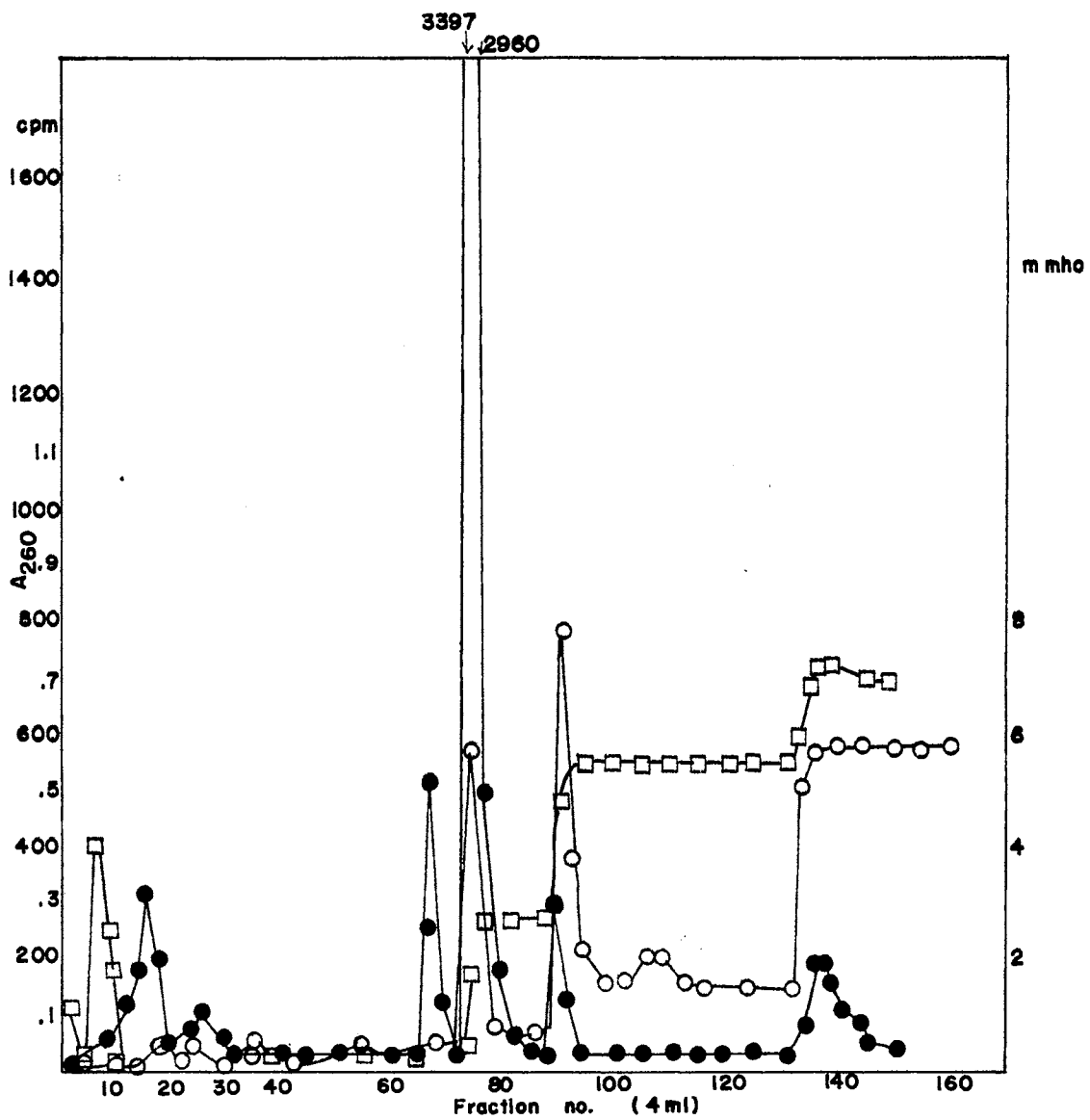
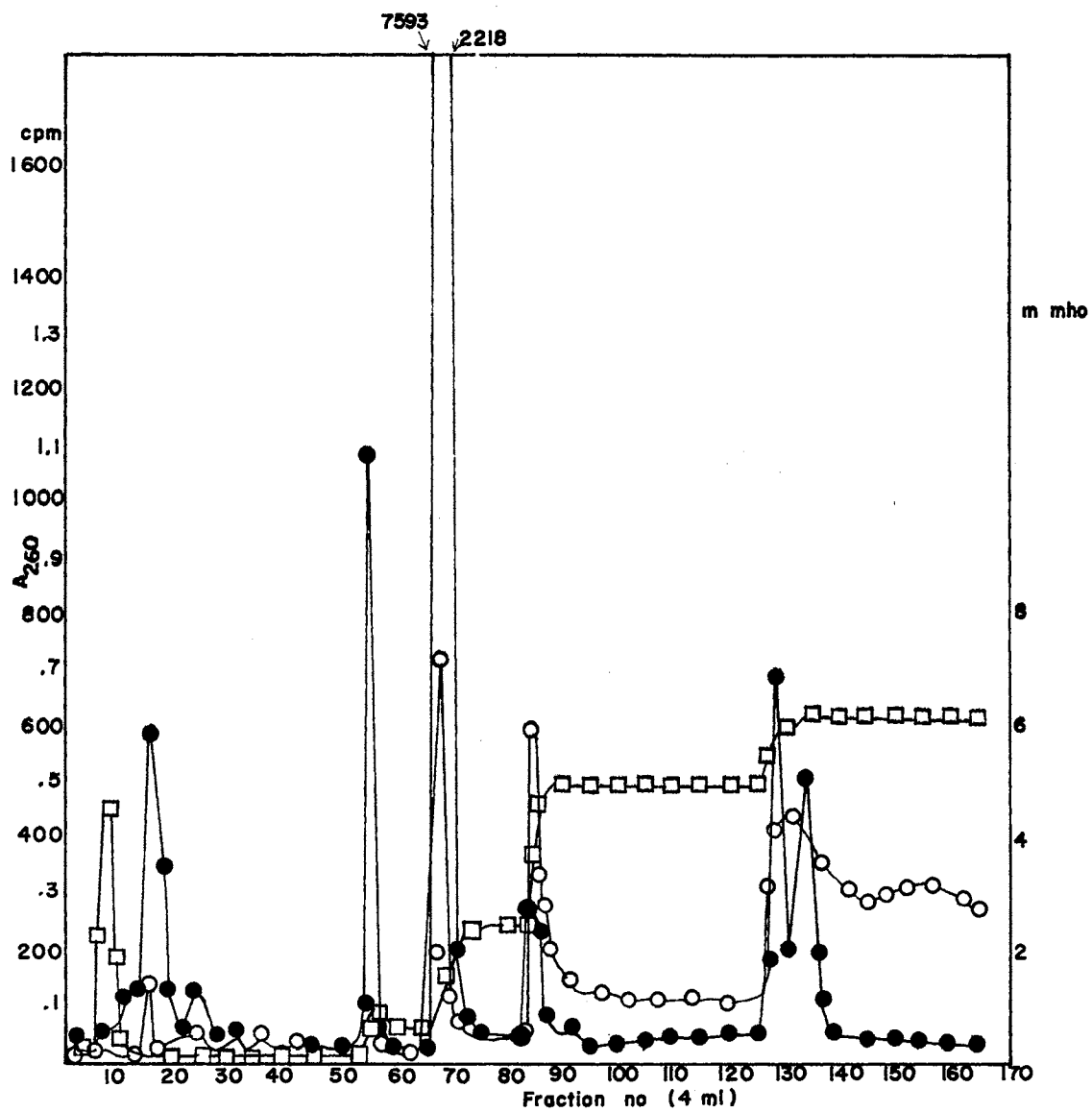


Figure 12. Anion Exchange Chromatography of Extract from Cell Incubated with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C but without PABA. See Text for Experimental Details.



□ — □ m mho

○ — ○ cpm

● — ●  $A_{260}$

Figure 13. Anion Exchange Chromatography of Perchloric Acid Soluble Cell Extract from Cells Incubated with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C. See Text for Experimental procedure.

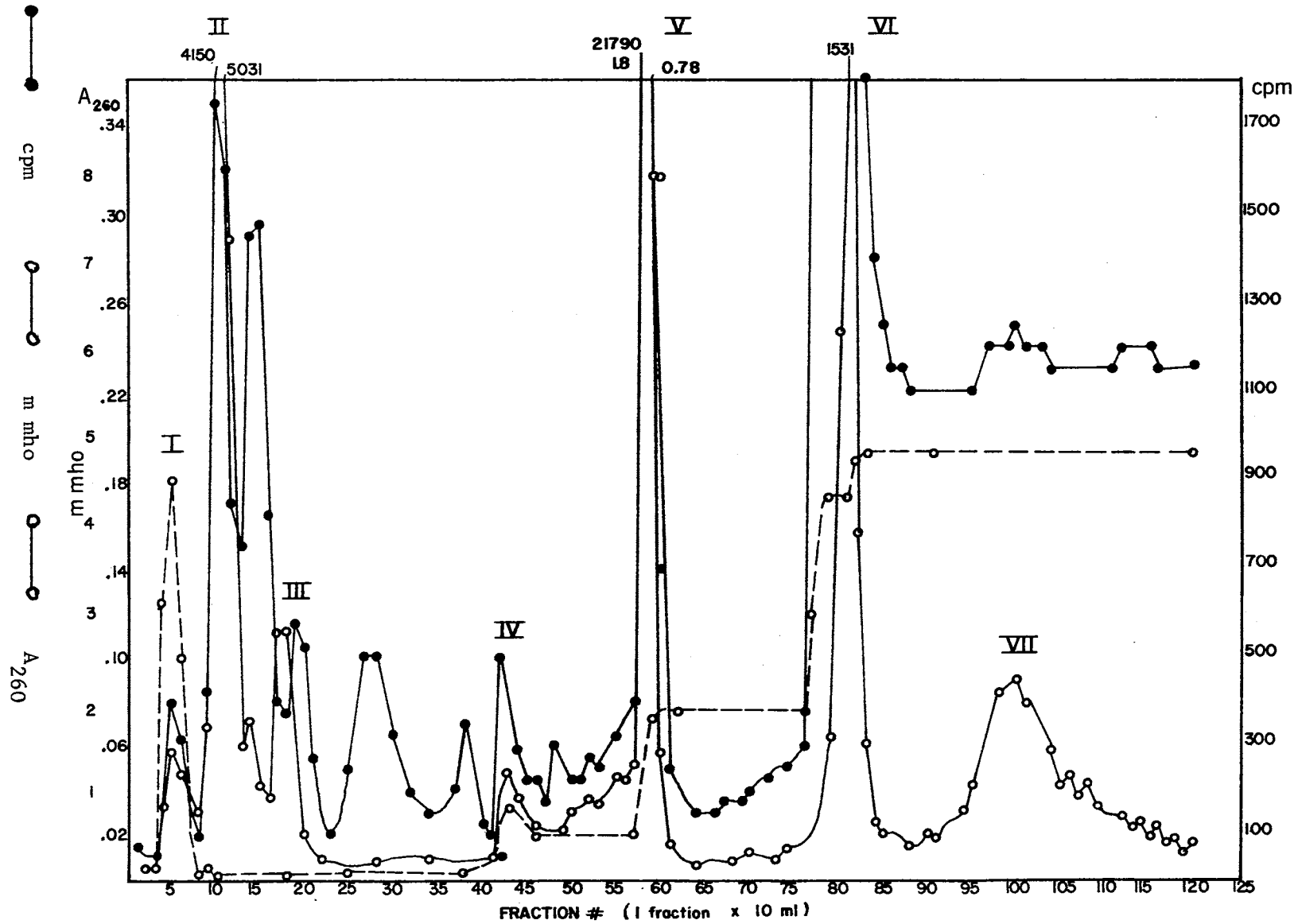


Figure 14. Anion Exchange Chromatography of Perchloric Acid Soluble Cell Extract from Cells Incubated with NA-<sup>14</sup>C. See Text for Experimental procedure.



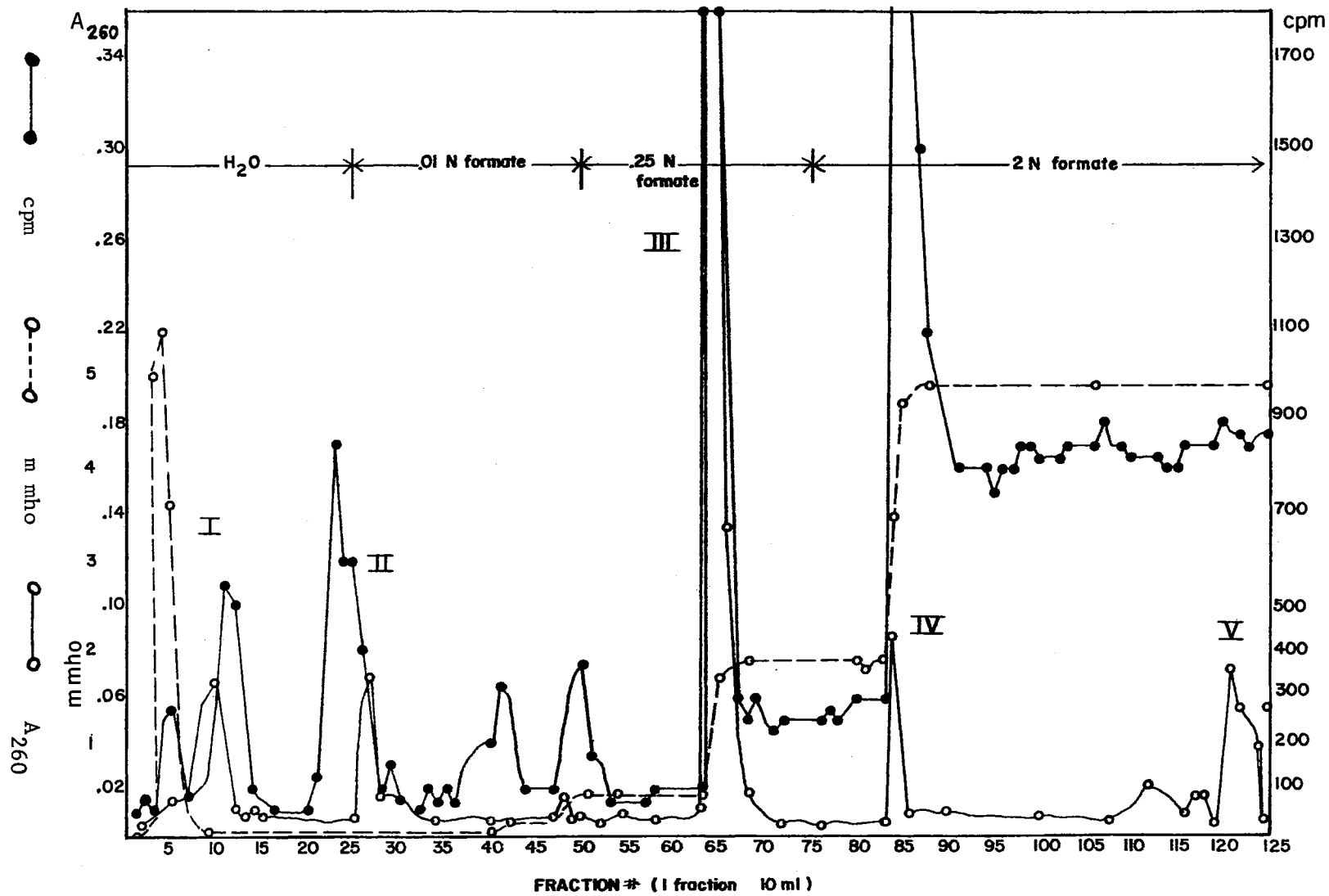


TABLE V  
CHROMATOGRAPHY OF NAD-<sup>14</sup>C COMPOUNDS

Compound	System	
	I	V
NA	.29	.51
Nam	.78	.76
NMN	.00	.79
NAD	.00	.61
NADP	.00	.27
I	.74	.75
II	.28	.48
III	.00	.57
IV		.52
V	.00	.29

Figure 15. Presumed 6ANAD Analyzed on DEAE Cellulose Column.  
See Text for Experimental Details.

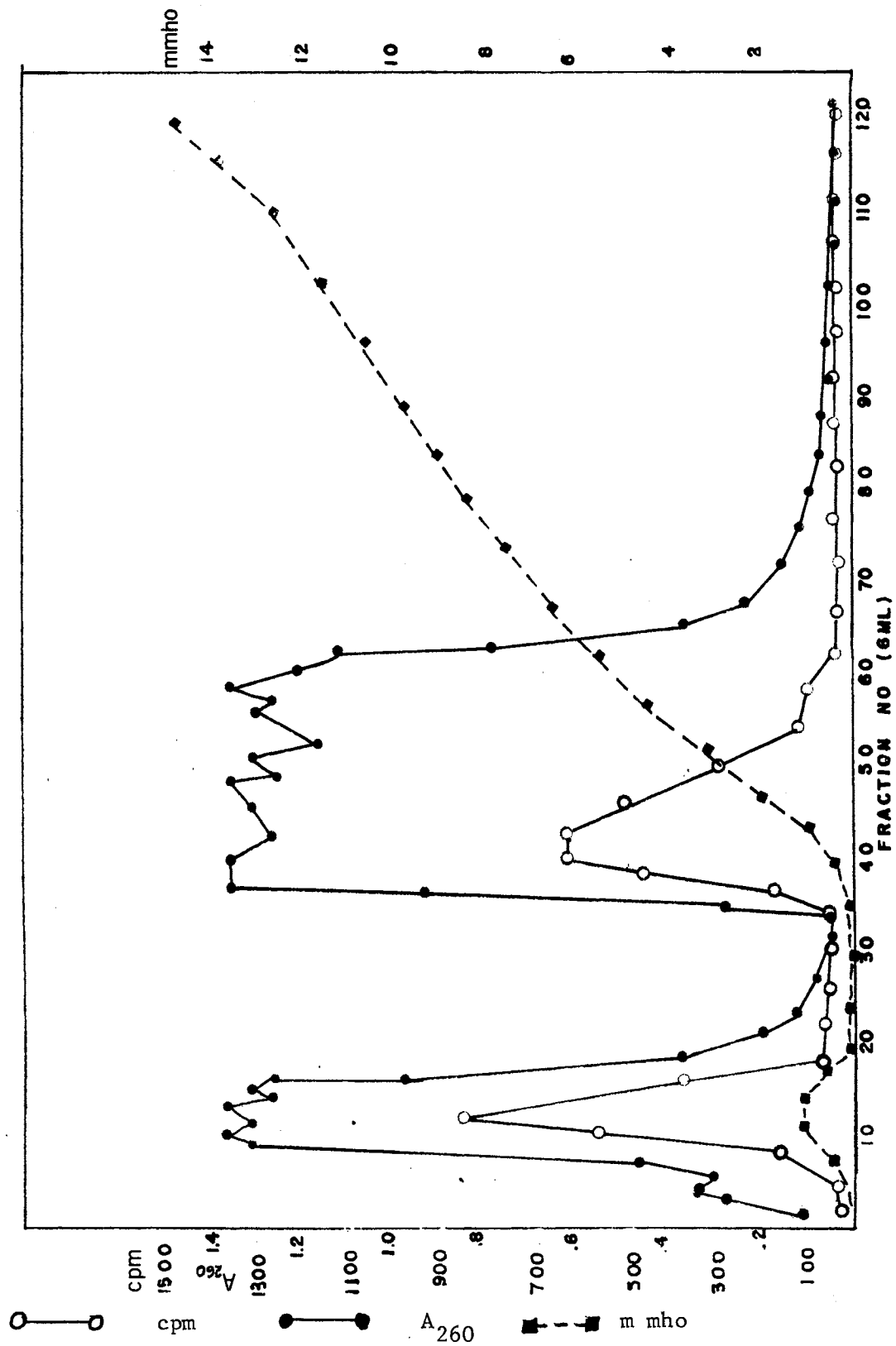
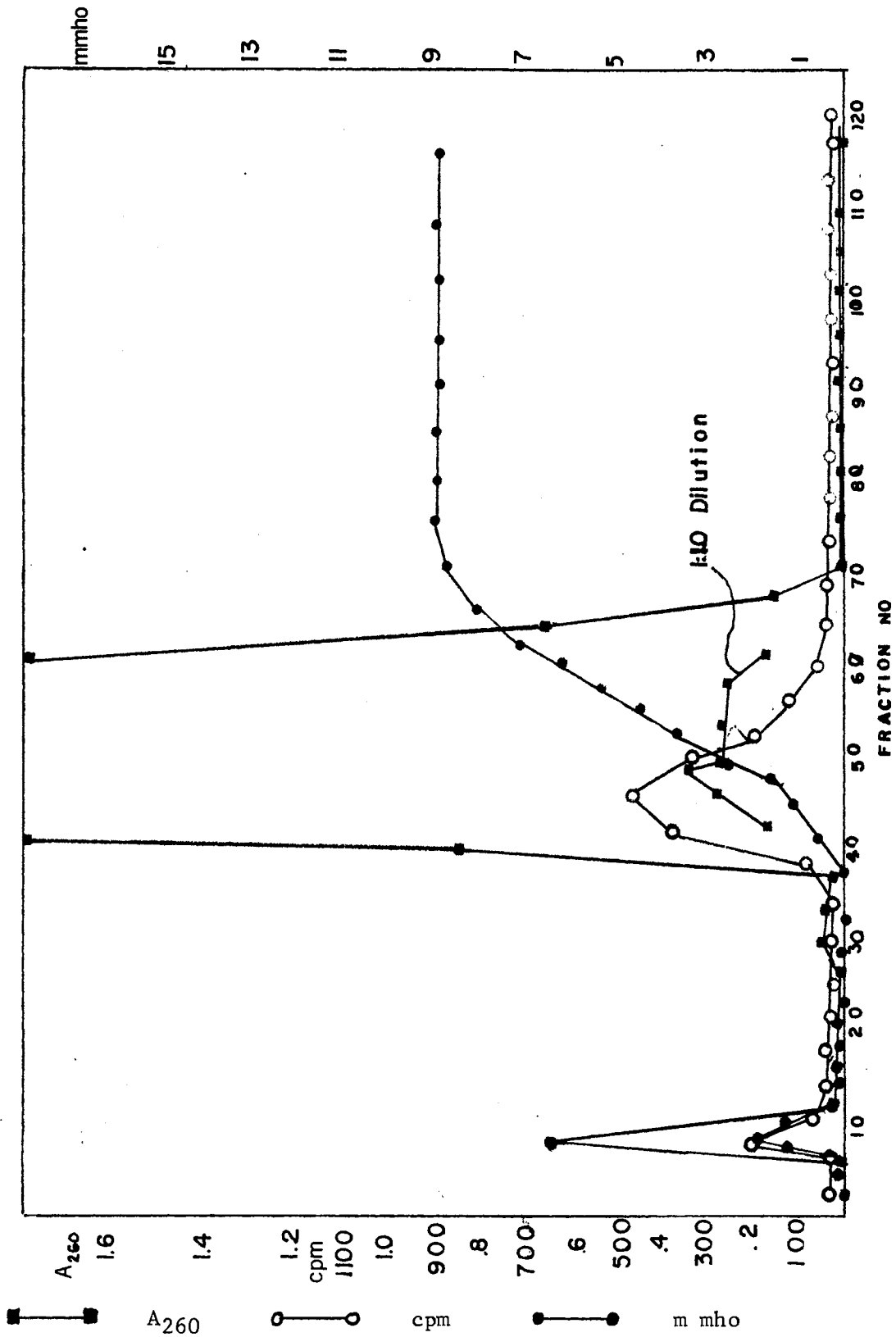


Figure 16. Second Purification of 6ANAD on DEAE Cellulose Column. See Text for Experimental Details.



(presumably 6ANAD) breaks down with time.

The peak eluted with bicarbonate was hydrolyzed with snake venom phosphodiesterase and with NADase. The product from the former reaction was analyzed on a 5cm X .2cm Dowex 1 X 2 formate column (Figure 17). The  $^{14}\text{C}$  compound was eluted with water and checked in chromatography systems I, II, III, IV, and V, and has a different  $R_f$  from the starting material. See Table VI. The  $^{14}\text{C}$  product of the phosphodiesterase reaction is presumed to be 6ANMN.

The NADase  $^{14}\text{C}$  reaction products were checked on system V at various times along with authentic 6ANam. The 6ANam has an  $R_f$  of 0.50 in this system and the suspected 6ANAD as an  $R_f$  of 0.75. NAD has an  $R_f$  of 0.74 in this system. From Table VI it is seen that at time 0 the suspected 6ANAD had partially broken down into 6ANam. However, with time the  $^{14}\text{C}$  compound with  $R_f$  0.75 disappears from the solution, thus, showing hydrolysis of that compound. This compound is, thus, tentatively identified as 6ANAD.

#### Other $^{14}\text{C}$ Compounds

When cells of W3899n were incubated in the presence of  $\text{NA-}^{14}\text{C}$  five radioactive peaks were found on Dowex-1 formate chromatography of the cellular extract. Table VII in contrast, seven intracellular radioactive peaks were found after incubating with  $6\text{ANA-}^{14}\text{C}$ . Most of the compounds formed from  $6\text{ANA-}^{14}\text{C}$  remain unidentified.

From results obtained with chromatography system I (Table VII)  $6\text{ANam-}^{14}\text{C}$  is not found as a component of any of the peaks of the cellular extract except as a breakdown product of peak V. The phosphodiesterase product of 6ANAD (6ANMN) was also not observed in the

Figure 17. Chromatography of Phosphodiesterase Hydrolysate on  
Dowex 1 Formate Column. See Text for  
Experimental Detail.



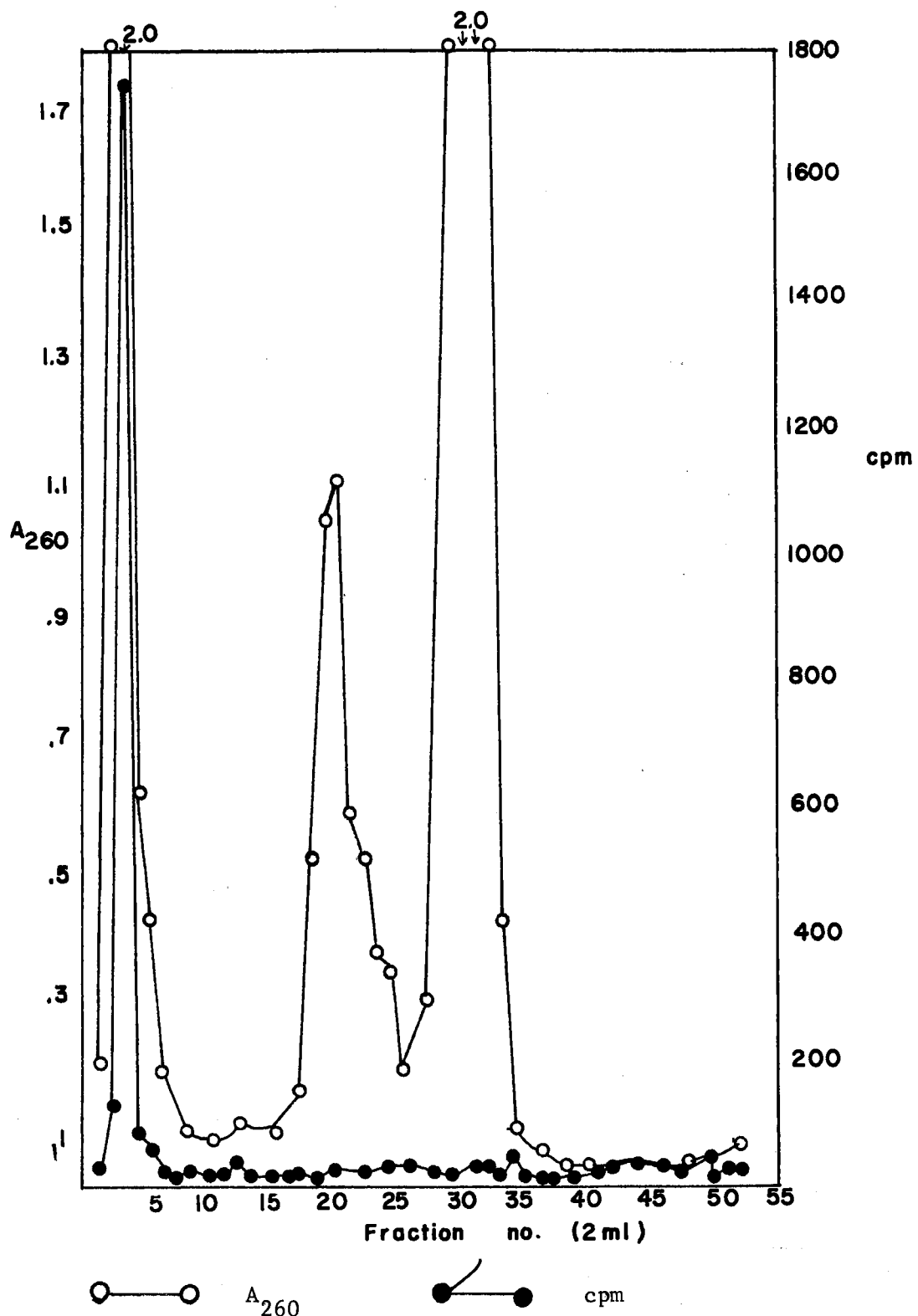


TABLE VI  
NADase HYDROLYSIS OF SUSPECTED 6ANAD

Time	Cpm	
	RF .58	RF .71
0	3222	1440
20	2053	1315
40	2660	603
120	2915	235
6ANam	5521	-----

TABLE VII  
 $R_f$  VALUES OF 6ANA- $^{14}C$  METABOLITES ON SEVERAL  
 CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEMS

Peak	System				
	I	II	III	IV	V
I	.81		.87	.79	.93
II	.75	.75	.93	.86	.77
III	.38	.75	.80	.07	.80
IV	.25	.75	.80/.27	.43/.86	.43
V	.00	.00	.68/.93	.43	.42/.77
VI	.00	.00		.43	.47
VII	.00			.36/.79	.77/.47
6ANA	.06		.85		
6ANam	.50		.80		.42
6ANAD	.00	.00	.69		.75
Phosphodiesterase Product	.00	.00	.62		.65

cellular extract.

Possibilities for these other peaks are 6ANA riboside, 6ANam riboside, des 6ANAD, 6-amino-nicotinic acid mononucleotide and 6ANADP.

Altered rates of the pyridine nucleotide cycle enzymes with the 6-amino analogues might explain the 2 extra peaks observed with 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C. That is the rates of metabolism and breakdown of the analogues could be altered such that a build up of some analogues could occur. Another possibility is that the analogues are much less stable than the natural pyridine nucleotides and break down into several compounds.

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

E. coli W3899n converts 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C to 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C. The excretion of 6ANam-<sup>14</sup>C is slower than the uptake of 6ANA-<sup>14</sup>C resulting in an accumulation of <sup>14</sup>C compounds in the cell. The conversion of 6ANA to 6ANam suggests that the 6ANA is metabolized through the pyridine nucleotide cycle, since this provides the only known sequence of reactions for converting NA to Namide. A compound isolated from cells incubated with 6ANA treated cells which appears to be the 6-amino analogue of NAD.

These findings support the hypothesis that the bacterostatic action of 6ANA is due to the conversion of 6ANA and 6ANam into pyridine nucleotide analogues which are not functional in oxido-reduction reactions and which repress and/or inhibit the biosynthesis of the normal pyridine nucleotides.

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