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# Kallikrein

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Serine proteases that are found in many different tissues and fluids in the body. The kallikrein protease family is comprised of potent vasodilators and hypotensives agents, thus they play important roles in inflammation and blood pressure. These enzymes normally reside in the body as inactive prekallikreins, which are activated by Hageman factor.