

## **exoenzymes**

Enzymes that cleave monomers (sometimes also di- or oligomers) from one end of a polymer chain. Exonucleases are able to cleave nucleotides, one by one, from either the 5- or the 3- (or both) ends of nucleic acids.

**Source:**

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 153