

prosthetic group

The non-amino acid portion of a conjugated protein. Examples include cofactors such as flavines or cytochromes as well as lipids and polysaccharides, which are the prosthetic groups of lipoproteins and glycoproteins, respectively.

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PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 163