

Collagenase

Collagenases are enzymes that break the peptide bonds in collagen. They assist in destroying extracellular structures in the pathogenesis of bacteria such as *Clostridium*. They are considered a virulence factor, facilitating the spread of gas gangrene. They normally target the connective tissue in muscle cells and other body organs.

Collagenase IV may refer to one of two enzymes:

Gelatinase A

Gelatinase B

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