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all tryptophan biosynthetic enzymes due to zinc deficiency.

A reinvestigation of the effect of zinc deficiency noted by
Nason et al. (1951 J. Biol. Chem. 188:397) has revealed
that all enzymes of the tryptophan biosynthetic pathway are
decreased two- to five-fold when zinc is omitted from the growth medium (Vogel's Medium N). The effect is more marked
in a histidine mutant than in the wild type. An explanation of this effect is being sought currently. * * * Department of
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