

Classification of amino acids

1) Essential amino acid - Amino acids which are not synthesised by our body but required for proper health and growth are called essential amino acid.

e.g., Valine^(val), Phenyl alanine (Phe)

2) Nonessential amino acid - Amino acids synthesised by our body are called nonessential amino acids.

e.g., Glycine, Alanine.

* Amino acids have

Classification Protein amphoteric behaviour due to $-NH_2$ and $-COOH$ gr.

Structural classification of protein

1) Fibrous protein - Polypeptide chains form large linear fibres held together by inter chain H-bonding. These are insoluble in water.

e.g., Keratin (skin & hair protein)

Myosin. (~~st~~ Muscles protein)

2) Globular protein - Polypeptide chains coiled to make compact spherical molecules. These are associated through intramolecular H-bonding. These are water soluble.

e.g., Enzymes, Haemoglobin.

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Compositional classification of protein

- 1) Simple protein - Proteins contain amino acid only.
e.g., Egg albumin.
- 2) Conjugated protein - Protein in which amino acid combines with other biomolecules such as carbohydrate etc.
e.g., Glycoprotein.
- * Nonpeptide group (carbohydrate) in conjugated protein is called prosthetic group.
e.g., Mucine in saliva.

Structure of protein

Proteins have complex three dimensional structure which studied at different levels

- 1) Primary structure - The sequence of amino acid in the chain
- 2) Secondary structure - Arrangement of polypeptide chains which may be either linear or coiled to form spiral called α -helix. The spirals held together by H-bond between N-H and C=O groups.
- 3) Tertiary structure - Three dimensional shape of protein helix is called tertiary structure. Folding of a particular chain, it plays important role in function of enzymes.

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4) Quaternary structure - Some of the amino-acids are composed of two or more polypeptide chain referred as sub-units. The spatial arrangement of these sub units with respect to each other is known as quaternary structure.

* Destroy of 2° and 3° structure of protein by action of heat or acid is called denaturation of protein.