Structural Biology

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Why do we eat proteins ??



Digestive enzymes help facilitate chemical reactions





Antibodies support immune function



Support muscle contraction and movement



Support the regulation and expression of **DNA** and **RNA**



Provide support to the body



Hormones help coordinate bodily function



Move essential molecules around the body



Functions of protein



Central Dogma: Proteins : the building block of life





Amino acids : building blocks of proteins



The peptide bond connects amino acids to build peptides



Levels of protein structure



The Folding Problem



A variety of protein structures



Structural Biology is a mature science

Structural biology is the study of the molecular structure and dynamics of biological macromolecules, particularly proteins and nucleic acids, and how alterations in their structures affect their function. Structural biology incorporates the principles of molecular biology, biochemistry and biophysics.



Some of the key developments in crystallography (shown in black), electron microscopy (EM; shown in green), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR; shown in red) and computational methods (shown in blue) are highlighted. MD, molecular dynamics; NaCl, sodium chloride; PDB, Protein Data Bank.

First structures in Structural Biology



1962 of Max Perutz with his balsa-wood model of haemoglobin, and John Kendrew with his wire model of myoglobin. Models were derived from X-ray data. The resolution of the myoglobin data (1.4 Å). the haemoglobin data were derived at a lower resolution (6.0 Å).



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Key Techniques in Structural Biology



Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



X-Ray Crystallography



Cryo-electron microscopy



Protein Data Bank: The protein repository

Protein Data Bank: https://www.rcsb.org/

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The impact of mutation on structure-function of protein











Structural biology of the SARS-CoV-2 proteome and genome

Conformational changes on ligand binding

Apo MRP1



Substrate-bound MRP1

Structure-functional relationships - catalytic cycle of protein







Recent Nobel prizes in Structural Biology





Emmanuelle Jennifer A Charpentier Doudna "for the development of a method for genome editing" THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY 2024



Da∨id Baker Demis Hassabis John M. Jumper

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