

BIOMOLECULES

- Chemicals or molecules present in the living organism are known as biomolecules. Biomolecules are divided into two types: inorganic and organic.
- Inorganic biomolecules include minerals, gases and water and organic biomolecules include carbohydrates, fats, proteins, nucleic acids, vitamins etc.
- Proteins are polymers of amino acids.
- In nucleic acids, the phosphate molecule links C of sugar and nucleoside to the C of sugar of next nucleoside releasing two water molecules to form 3',5' phosphodiester bond.
- In polysaccharides, the monosaccharides are linked by glycosidic bonds formed by dehydration between two carbon atoms of two adjacent monosaccharides.



Carbohydrates (Polysaccharides)

- Polysaccharides are long chains of sugar containing different monosaccharides as a building block.
- Starch is present in plants as a storehouse of energy in plants. It forms helical secondary structure to hold the molecules.
- Cellulose molecules contain glucose molecules joined together by 1-4 linkage. It is the most abundant organic molecule on earth.
- Glycogen is called animal starch as it is the reserve food material for animals, bacteria and fungi. Glucose molecules are arranged highly branched bush-like chain having two types of linkage: 1-4 link, straight and 1-5 link in branching.

Proteins

These are polypeptide chains made up of amino acids. There are 20 types of amino acids joined together by peptide bond between amino and carboxylic group. There are two kinds of amino acids.

(a). Essential amino acids are obtained by the living organism along with food.

Non-essential amino acids can be prepared by our body from raw materials.

Collagen is the most abundant protein in animal world.

Primary structure of protein is the basic structure of protein in which a number of polypeptides are involved having sequence of amino acids.

Secondary structure protein threads forms helix. There are three types of secondary structure - a helix, β -pleated and collagen.

In Tertiary structure long protein chain is folded upon itself like a hollow woolen ball to give three dimensional view of proteins.

In Quaternary structure each polypeptide develops its own tertiary structure and function as subunit of protein.
Eg. Hemoglobin.

Nucleic Acid

Nucleic acids are polynucleotides. A nucleic acid has three chemically distinct components - heterocyclic compound (nitrogenous base), polysaccharides (ribose/ deoxy-ribose sugar) and phosphate or phosphoric acid. There are two kinds of nitrogenous bases - purines and pyrimidines.

Purines: Adenine and Guanine

Pyrimidines: Cytosine, Thymine and Uracil

The sugar found in nucleic acid is either ribose or deoxyribose.

Nucleic acid containing deoxyribose sugar is called DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) and those containing ribose sugars are called RNA (Ribonucleic acid).

Metabolic Path for living organism: The metabolic pathways that lead to more complex structure from simpler structure are called biosynthetic or anabolic pathways and those pathways that lead to simpler structure from complex structure are called catabolic pathways.

Enzymes

- Enzymes are commonly proteinaceous substances which are capable of catalyzing chemical reactions of biological system without themselves undergoing any change, commonly called as biocatalysts. The nucleic acids that behave like enzymes are called ribozymes.
- The major difference between inorganic and organic catalyst is inorganic catalyst works effectively at high temperature and pressure but enzyme gets damaged at high temperature.
- The external energy required to start chemical reaction is called activation energy.

Factors influencing Enzyme activity

(a). Temperature

(b). pH

(c). Concentration of Substrate

Competitive inhibitor. When the molecular structure of inhibitor resembles the substrate that inhibits the bimetallic enzymes.

- Enzymes are classified as
 - Oxidoreductases
 - Transferases
 - Hydrolases
 - Lyases
 - Isomerases
 - Ligases

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Co-factors are the non-protein constituent of an enzyme to make the enzyme catalytically more active. The portions of enzyme are called apoenzymes.

There are two types of cofactors: Coenzymes Prosthetic groups.

The essential chemical components of any coenzymes are vitamins. As