Chapter 4 The 3-D structure of proteins



Ribbon diagram

Fig 4-1

Surface contour image

學習目標

- 1. 瞭解胜肽鍵的特性及限制。
- 2. 瞭解維持蛋白質各級結構的作用力。
- . 瞭解二級結構中螺旋(α-helix)及摺板 (β-sheet)的結構特徵及相似、相異處。
- 4. 瞭解蛋白質折疊與變性的可能過程。

"Conformation"

- The spatial arrangement of atoms in a protein (without breaking or forming covalent bonds 3)
- Thermodynamically stable
 - = Lowest Gibbs free energy (G)

Native protein

- Protein in its <u>functional</u>, <u>folded</u> conformation.
- Stabilized by disulfide bond and "weak (noncovalent) interactions"
 - ✓ H-bond
 - ✓ Hydrophobic interaction
 - \checkmark Ionic interaction
 - \checkmark Van der Waals interaction



 TABLE 2-5
 Four Types of Noncovalent ("Weak")

 Interactions among Biomolecules in Aqueous Solvent

 Hydrogen bonds

 Between neutral groups

Between peptide bonds



lonic interactions

Attraction

Repulsion

Hydrophobic interactions







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van der Waals interactions

Any two atoms in close proximity



 Ordered water molecules form H₂O cages around the hydrophobic portion.



Hydrophobic interaction

The forces (driven by entropy) that hold the nonpolar regions of the molecules together.



Protein stability (p. 116-117)

Unfolded

- High degree of conformational entropy
- H-bond of polypeptide with solvent (H_2O)

Folded

- Disulfide bond
- Weak (non-covalent) interactions:
 - 🗸 H-bond
 - Hydrophobic
 - 🗸 Ionic
 - Van der Waals interaction



In general, the protein conformation with <u>lowest free</u> <u>energy</u> is the one with <u>the max. no. of weak interactions.</u>

Primary (covalent) structure

- The composition and the order of the a.a. of a polypeptide chain
- Amino acid <u>sequence</u> of a polypeptide chain
 - $\checkmark\,$ Amino acids are joined by peptide (covalent) bond



- Backbone (N-C_α-C-N-C_α-C-...)
- Side chain (R-groups)

Peptide bond

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- 1. OC-NH is shorter
- 2. Coplanar peptide group
- 3. Trans configuration (O vs. H, $C_{1\alpha}$ vs. $C_{2\alpha}$)



Fig 4-2a, p.116

- Electrons resonance (partial sharing) between the carbonyl O and the amide N (electric dipole).
- Peptide bond can not rotate.

Planar and rigid peptide bond

- 1. OC-NH can not rotate
- 2. C_{α} -C: ψ (psi), -180° ~ 180°
- 3. N- C_{α} : ϕ (phi), -180° ~ 180°

Fig 4-2b, p.116





Fig 4-2, from 4^{th} ed.

Steric interference between atoms in the backbone and side chains

Ramachandran plot

Plot ψ and ϕ for possible conformations



Protein secondary structure

- Secondary structure
 - ✓ Local arrange of main-chain atoms
 - \checkmark Nearly the same ψ and ϕ
 - α -helix
 - β -sheet
 - β-turn
- Determined by primary structure
 - ✓ Planar peptide bond
 - \checkmark Limited ψ and ϕ
 - ✓ Charge and size of the R-groups
- Stabilized by H-bond



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Linus Pauling





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A right-handed α -helix:

- *3.6 a.a.* per turn
 ψ = -45 to -50° and φ = -60°
- > 5.4 Å (1 Å = 0.1 nm) per turn
- R groups extended outward
 perpendicular to the helical axis
- H-bonding between adjacent turns



Box 4-1, p.118

H-bond in α -helix

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- > H-bond between the -CO of residue (i) and the -NH of residue (i+3).
 - > 13 atoms between a H-bond
- > 2 H-bonds per residue
- > 3 or 4 H-bonds per turn
- > Provide stability



α -helix constraints

- 1. Helix-forming propensity of each a.a.
 - See Table 4-1 (p.119)
- 2. Size of the adjacent R group
- 3. Interactions between R_i and R_{i+3} or R_{i+4}
- 4. Pro and Gly
 - See Table 4-1 (p.119)
- 5. End residues (electric dipole)
 - See Fig 4-5 (p.120)



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Propensity to form α -helix

TABLE 4-1Propensi an α -Hel		of Amino Acids to Take Up al Conformation		
Amino acid	$\Delta\Delta G^{\circ}$ (kJ/mol)*		Amino acid	$\Delta\Delta G^{\circ}$ (kJ/mol)*
Ala	0		Leu	0.79
Arg	0.	3	Lys	0.63
Asn	3		Met	0.88
Asp	2.	5	Phe	2.0
Cys	3		Pro	>4
Gln	1.	3	Ser	2.2
Glu	1.	4	Thr	2.4
Gly	4.	6	Tyr	2.0
His	2.	6	Trp	2.0
lle	1.	4	Val	2.1

 $\Delta\Delta G^{\circ}$ relative to Ala. Larger numbers reflect greater difficulty taking up the α -helical structure

Electric dipole of an α -helix

- Peptide bond dipole
- Helix dipole
- End residues and helix stability





Fig 4-5, p.120

α -helix model

- Ball-and-stick
- Space-filling (with van der Waals)
- Example: α-keratin in hair





β -conformation

- Zigzag
- Extended protein chain, with the R groups alternating above and below the backbone.



β -sheet

- Inter- or intra-molecular H-bond
- Parallel or antiparallel orientations

✓ Silk fibroin - layers of β -sheets (Fig 4-13)

Fig 4-6, p.120



β**-turn**

- A 180° turn involving 4 a.a.
- H-bond between -CO of the 1^{st} a.a. and the -NH of the 4^{th} a.a.
- Common a.a.
 - \checkmark Gly (small and flexible, type II β -turn)
 - Pro (peptide bonds involving the imino N in cis configuration)



ψ and ϕ in 2° structures

Restricted range in α -helix and β -sheets



Circular Dichroism Spectroscopy

- CD, 圓二色極化光譜儀
 - Structural asymmetry gives rise to differences in absorption of left-handed vs. right-handed plane-polarized light.
 - ✓ Determine the content of 2° structure of a protein



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3° and 4° structure

- 3-D structure
- Protein conformation in space
- Including *long-range* interactions
- Determined by:
 - Primary (and secondary) structures
 - Interactions among R groups
 - Disulfide bond and weak interactions



Structural classification

Fibrous proteins (p. 123-128, e.g. Table 4-2)

Long strands or sheets

- Consist of a single type of 2° structure
- Function in structure, support, protection

✓ α-keratin, collagen

- Globular proteins (p. 129-131, e.g. Table 4-3)
 - ✓ Spherical or globular shape
 - Contain several types of 2° structure
 - \checkmark Function in regulation
 - Myoglobin, hemoglobin



α-keratin: hair, wool, nails, claws, quills, horns, hooves, and the outer layer of skin

Fig 4-10, p. 124



Disulfide bond and Perm

Permanent waving and biochemical engineering



Box 4-2, p. 125

打破犀牛角的迷思-角質素(keratin)

"Rhino horn is used in traditional Chinese medicine, and a single horn can bring more than [U.S.] \$8,000 on the black market. ... Between 1989 and 1993, 266 rhinos in India were butchered for their horns." *National Geographic* December 1997

Collagen p. 124-128 Tendons, bone, cartilage, skin, and cornea Fig 4-11a Primary sequence: ✓ Gly-X-Pro (HyPro) collager ✓ Repeating tripeptide unit Structure Fig 4-12 \checkmark Monomer (α chain) Left-handed helix, 3 a.a. per turn tropocollagen Trimer: coiled-coil (tensile strength). Stabilized by H-bond Crosslink between triple helixes (disulfide bond) Genetic defect: (p.128) Osteogenesis imperfecta Abnormal bone formation in babies Ehlers-Danlos syndrome ✓ Loose joint

Collagen (膠原蛋白)

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More on Collagen ... Harper's 26th, p. 38-39.

- Procollagen (a larger precursor polypeptide)
 - Post-translational modification
 - \checkmark Pro, Lys \rightarrow Hydroxyl Pro, Lys (cofactor = ascorbic acid)
 - Provide H-bond that stablizes the mature protein
 - ✓ Scurvy: a dietary deficiency of Vit C (Lehninger, Box4-3)
 - ✓ Central portion → triple helix (procollagen → collagen)
 ✓ The N-, and C-terminal portions are removed
 - Certain Lys are modified by lysyl oxidase (a coppercontaining protein)
 - \checkmark Crosslink between polypeptides \rightarrow increased strength and rigidity.
 - Menke's syndrome: a dietary deficiency of the copper

3D structure determination

- 1st protein structure solved
 Myoglobin at 6Å resolution in 1957
 Py X nov differention
 - By X-ray diffraction
 - ✓ John Kendrew and Max F. Perutz
 - ✓ 1962 Nobel prize in chemistry
- Box 4-5, p.132-135
 - X-ray diffraction and crystallography
 - ✓ <u>N</u>uclear <u>Magnetic Resonance</u> (NMR)



Myoglobin structure

Sperm whale (抹香鯨) myoglobin







Protein folding

The polypeptide must *fold* during and following synthesis on a ribosome to take up its *native conformation*. (p. 140)

Denaturation and unfolding

- Loss of function due the structural disruption
- Cooperative process
- Denatured conformation: random but partially folded



Denaturing agent (p. 141)

- Heat
 - ✓ H-bond
- Extreme pH
 - ✓ Alter net charge
- Miscible organic solvent
 - Alcohol, acetone
 - Hydrophobic interactions
- Certain solutes
 - Urea, guanidino hydrochloride (Gdn HCl), detergent
 - Hydrophobic interactions
- □ No covalent bonds in the polypeptide are broken !!

Folding and unfolding

 A.A. sequence contains required information for native protein folding

Assisted protein folding

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- Molecular chaperones
 - Proteins that interact with partially folded or improperly folded polypeptides
 - Facilitating correct folding pathways or providing microenvironments for folding.
- Hsp70
 - Heat shock protein, mw = 70,000 in eukaryotics
 - ✓ DnaK/DnaJ in *E. coli*
- Chaperonins
 - Protein complex required for proper folding
 - ✓ GroEL/GroES in *E. coli*

The prion disease (Box 4-6)

- Spongiform encephalopathies
 - ✓ Disease caused by a protein (prion)
 - Proteinaceous infectious particle
- Related diseases:
 - ✓ Mad cow disease
 - 🗸 Kuru
 - ✓ <u>Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease</u> (human CJD)
 - Scrapie (sheep)
- Misfolded prion





PrP^c (normal)

(infectious)

Ch 4 Summary

- 3-D structure of protein
 - Planar peptide bond
 - ✓ Level of organization
 - > Primary (1°)
 - > Secondary (2°): α -helix, β -sheet
 - > Tertiary (3°): motif, fold, domain
 - > Quaternary (4°)
 - Protein folding vs. unfolding
 - Assisted protein folding
- Problems: 3, 7, 9