

## Amino Acids, Peptides

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Proteins, Peptides & Amino Acids 1. Introduction. Proteins, from the Greek proteios, meaning first, are a class of organic compounds which are present in and vital to every living cell. In the form of skin, hair, callus, cartilage, muscles, tendons and ligaments, proteins hold together, protect, and provide structure to the body of a multi-celled organism. Peptide bonds are covalent bonds formed by the nucleophilic addition-elimination reaction between the carboxylic group of one amino acid and the amino group of another amino acid; this reaction releases a molecule of water as the by product. Amino acids are the basic building blocks of enzymes, hormones, proteins, and body tissues. A peptide is a compound consisting of 2 or more amino acids. Oligopeptides have 10 or fewer amino acids. Polypeptides and proteins are chains of 10 or more amino acids, but peptides consisting of more than 50 amino acids are classified as proteins. Polymers of several amino acids are termed peptides, and amino acid sequences are described from the amino- or N-terminus, the amino acid with a free  $\alpha$ -amino group. The final amino acid in the chain is the carboxy- or C-terminus.

The amino acid residue at that end of a peptide having a free  $\alpha$ -amino group is the amino-terminal (or N-terminal) residue; the residue at the other end, which has a free carboxyl group, is the carboxyl-terminal (C-terminal) residue. By convention, short peptides are named from the sequence of their constituent amino acids, beginning at the left. Formation of peptide bonds between amino acids leads to the polymerization of amino acids into peptides and proteins. The simplest peptide is a dipeptide that contains a single peptide bond formed by the condensation of the carboxyl group of one amino acid with the amino group of the second. In this process, a molecule of water is eliminated. 8 PEPTIDES structure condensation of 2 amino acids (linear and cyclic dipetides) uncommon binding of some amino acids Cdistal COOH group of Glu = -peptide bond binding of D-amino acids binding of uncommon amino acids C OH CH NH. Some peptides containing D amino acids are more biologically potent. D amino acid peptides are more resistant to proteases. The peptide bonds formed by D-amino acids are more resistant to proteases than those formed by L-amino acids.

Peptides, however, may be subdivided into oligopeptides, which have few amino acids (e.g., 2 to 20), and polypeptides, which have many amino acids. Proteins are formed from one or more polypeptides joined together.

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