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DJ-1

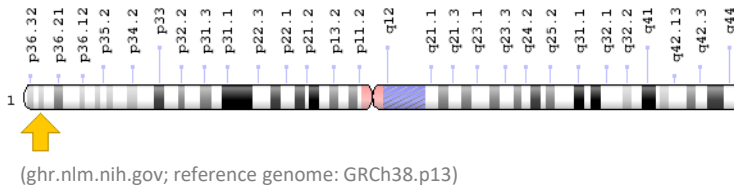
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DJ-1 in a nutshell...

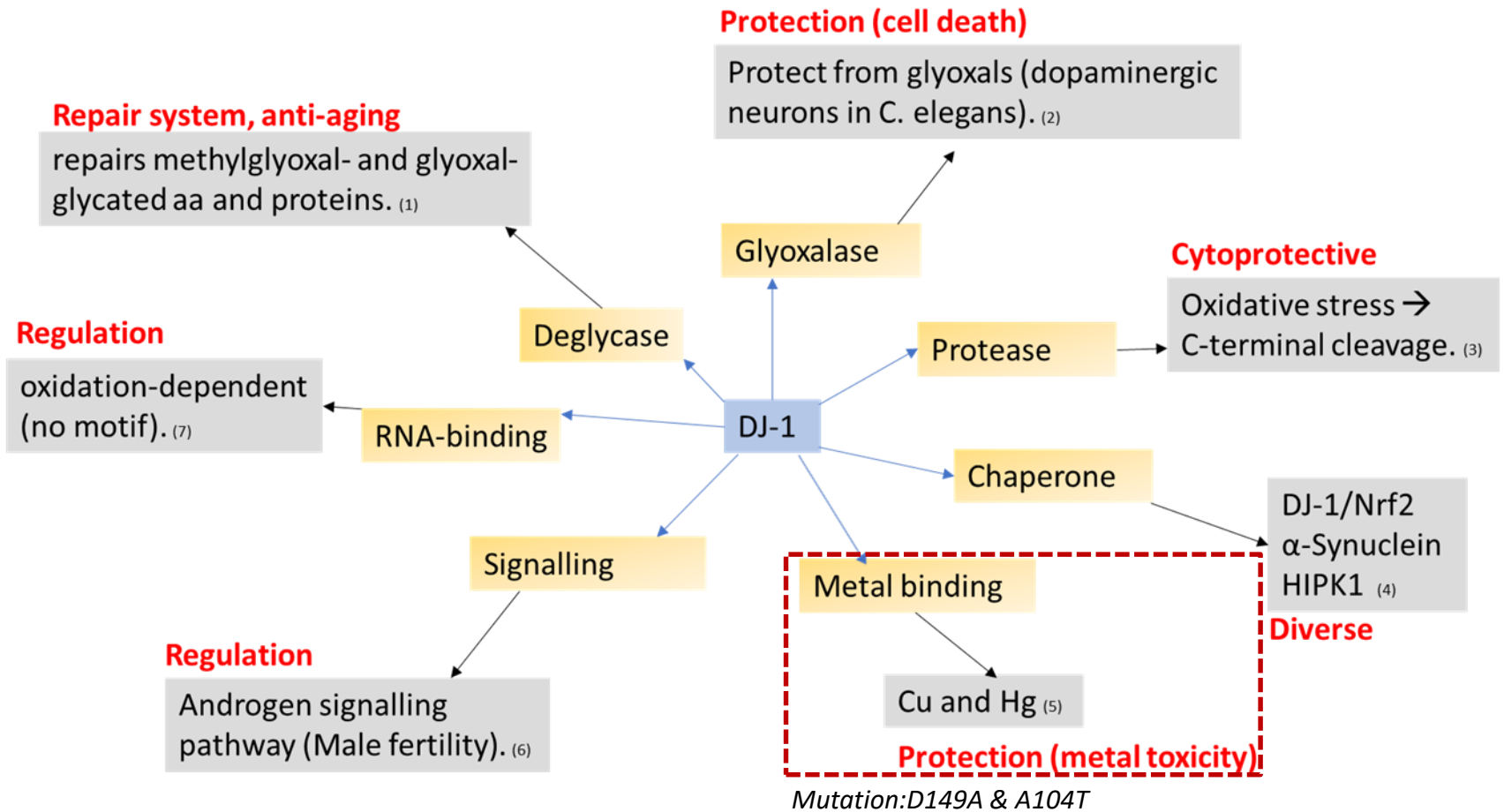
- multifunctional homodimer, where each chain consists of 189 amino acids
- Mass: 19,891 Da (~ 20 kDa)
- Encoded by the PARK7 gene



- predominately located in the cytoplasm
- several mutations of DJ-1 are highly associated with familial Parkinson Disease

(Uniprot.org)

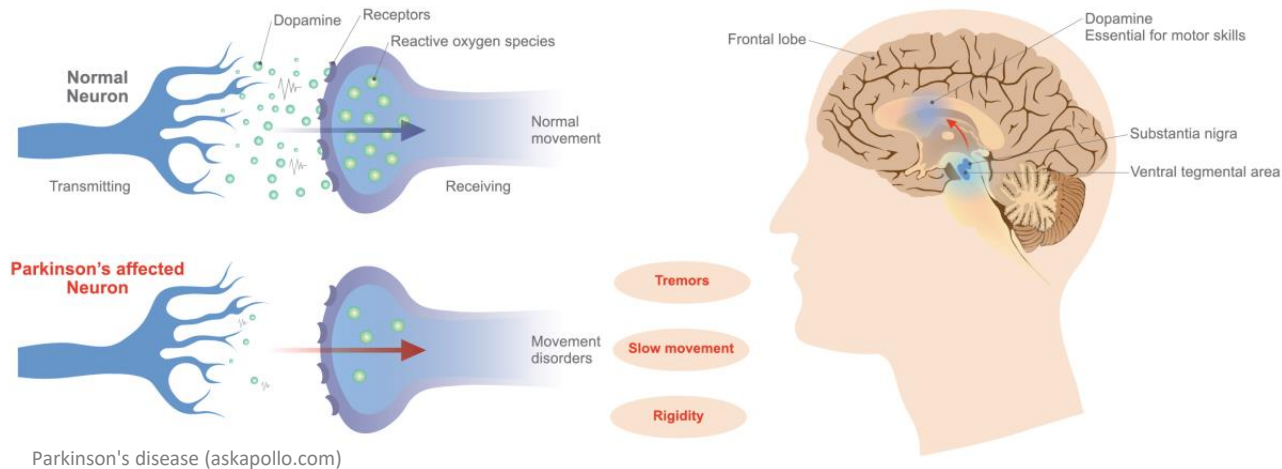
Functions:



Disease involvement

- Side note: Cancer
 - Ras signalling / PTEN (Oncogene)
 - DJ-1/Nrf2 therapeutic target
 - Tumor biomarker

- Early-onset Parkinson disease



- Environmental factors
- Oxidative stress
- α -synuclein (Lewy bodies)

Structure of DJ-1

- Consist of two identical chains (homodimer)

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- Secondary structure of our protein:



- Tertiary structure of DJ-1:

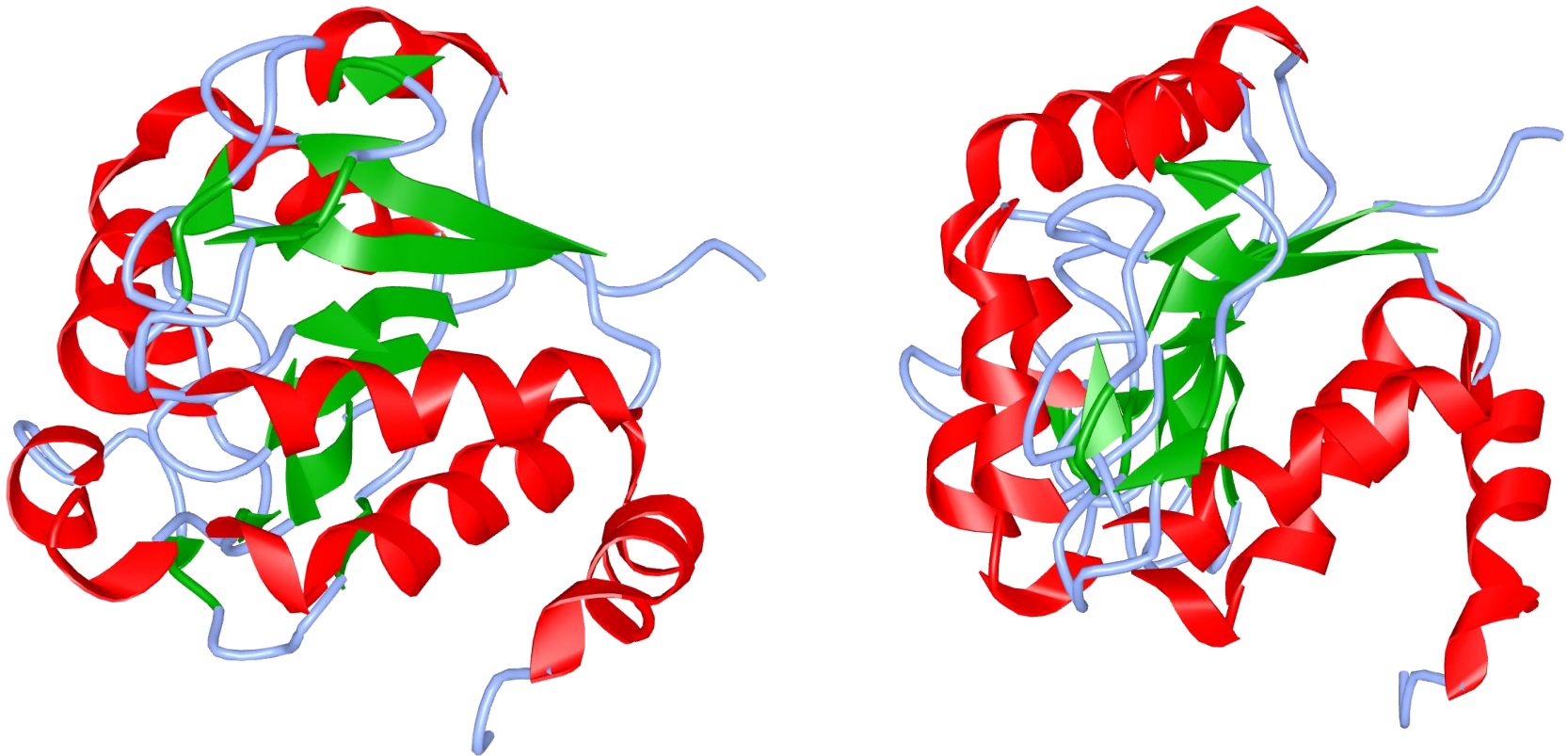
→ pictures were generated in iCn3D with the wild type structure of DJ-1

(Huai Q. et al, 2003; PDB ID: 1Q2U)

- We found on NCBI different variants, which we marked in the protein structure

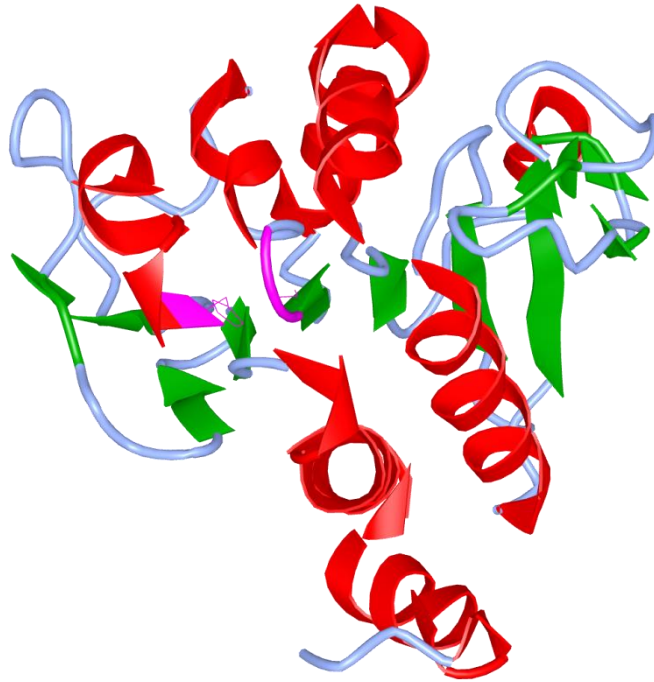
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Tertiary structures



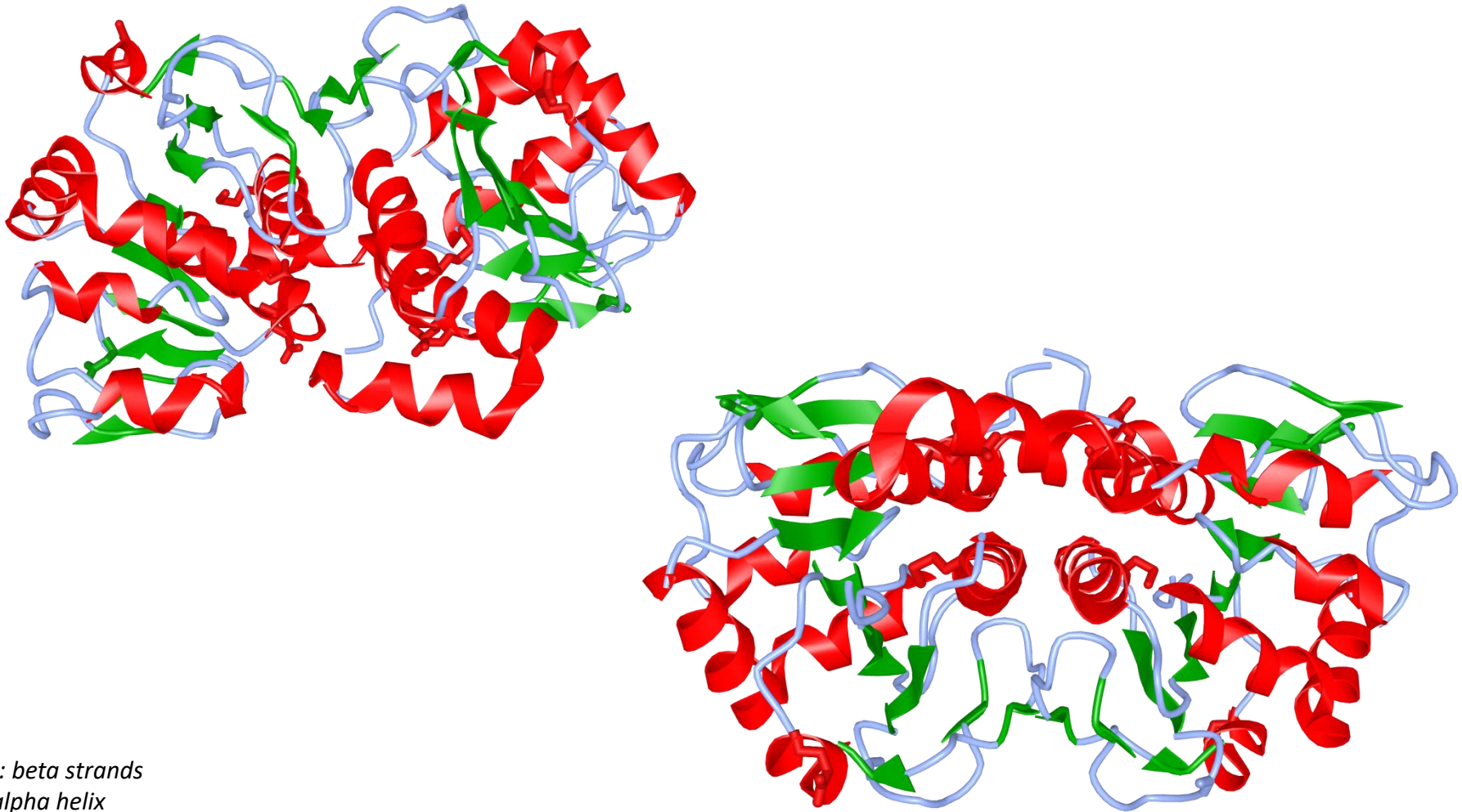
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Red: alpha helix
Blue: turns

Tertiary structures

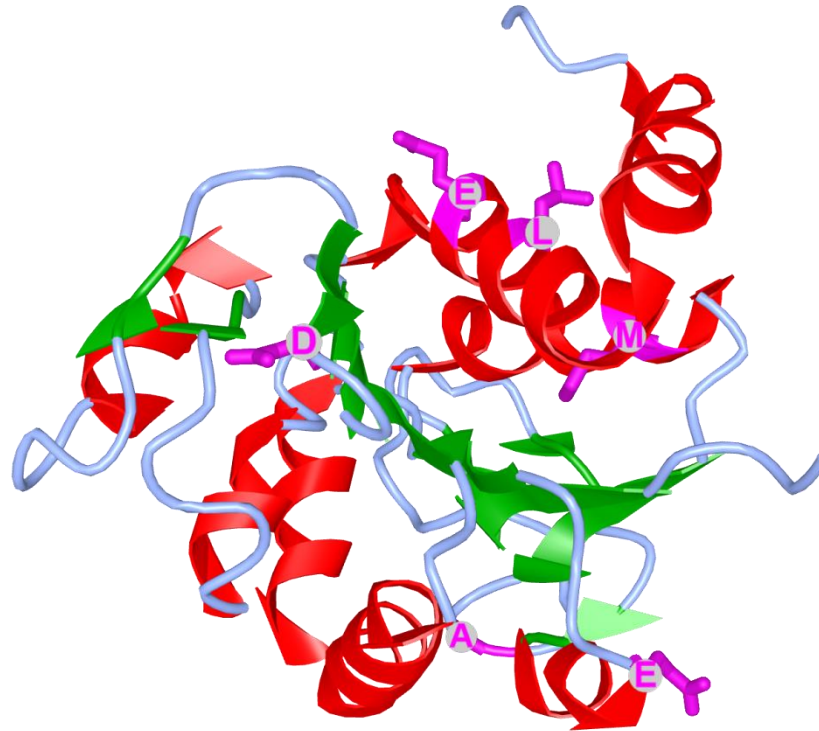


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Quartary structure of the homodimer



Tertiary structure with the variants



green: beta strands

Red: alpha helix

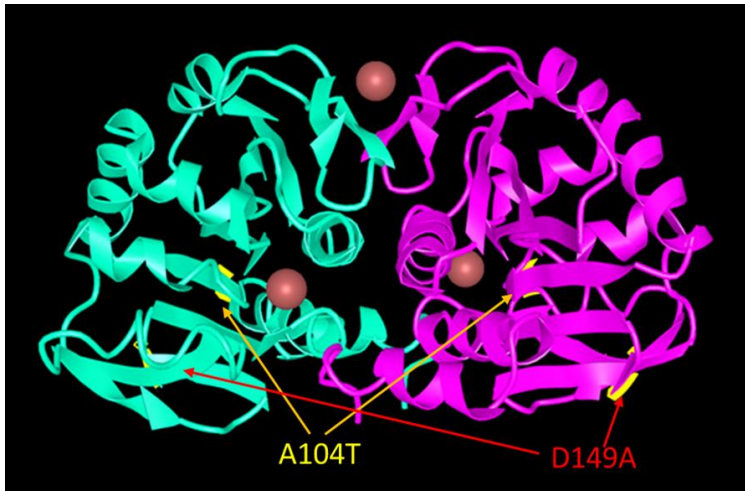
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Mutations

Variant ID	Mutation	Mutation type	PDB ID	Location in protein (active site 106 & 126)	Polyphen 2 score	Prediction about impact?
rs74315351	Met26Ile	Bothe are non-polar (hydrophobic) but Met has Sulfid (cant make bond)	2RK4	in alpha helix	0.007	BENIGN
rs137853051	Ala39Ser	Non-polar (hydrophobic) --> polar (hydrophilic)	x	in a turn	0.000	BENIGN
rs74315353	Glu64Asp	bothe (-) charge (acidic)	x	loop	0.000	BENIGN
rs74315352	Asp149Ala	(-) charged (acidic) --> nonpolar (hydrophobic)	x	in a beta strand	0.992	Probably Damaging
rs74315354	Glu163Lys	(-) charged (acidic) --> (+) charged (basic)	2RK6 and(3B3A +other mut	in alpha helix	0.389	Probably Damaging
rs28938172	Leu166Pro	Non-polar (hydrophobic) but Proline aromatic	x	in alpha helix	1.000	Probably Damaging

Adapted from ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/variation/view/

D149A & A104T lost metal cytotoxicity protection



4MNT DJ-1 with Cu ligand. (ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

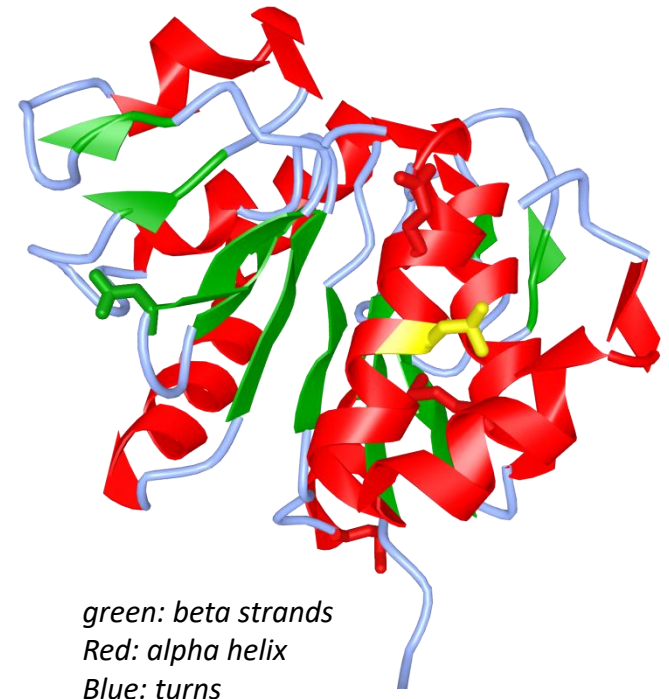
- Both:
 - Missense
 - On beta strand
 - Thermostability → influence on Secondary structure (Björkblom et al., 2013)

- **Asp149Ala:**
Acidic → Hydrophobic
 - dbSNP:rs74315352
 - Polyphen 2 score: 0.992
 - 750 white, 160 Ashkenazi
40 Afro-Caribbean
 - exon 7 (Abou et al., 2003)

- **Ala104Thr:**
hydrophobic → Hydrophilic (polar uncharged)
 - dbSNP:rs774005786
 - Polyphen 2 score: 1
 - Near active site 106Cys
 - Found in 2 patients
 - exon–intron junction (exon 5) (Clark et al., 2004)

Variation L166P (dbSNP:rs28938172)

- Missense mutation where Lysine 166 is replaced by a Proline.
- Lower steady-state level of DJ-1
 - Reduced protein stability by enhancing the proteasomal degradation by 20S/26S proteasome
 - Reduced stability due to miss folding of the protein
- only appears in monomeric form
 - L166P impairs the ability to oligomerize which leads to loss of normal functions
- The loss of function due to L166P may underlies the progress of early-onset Parkinson disease.

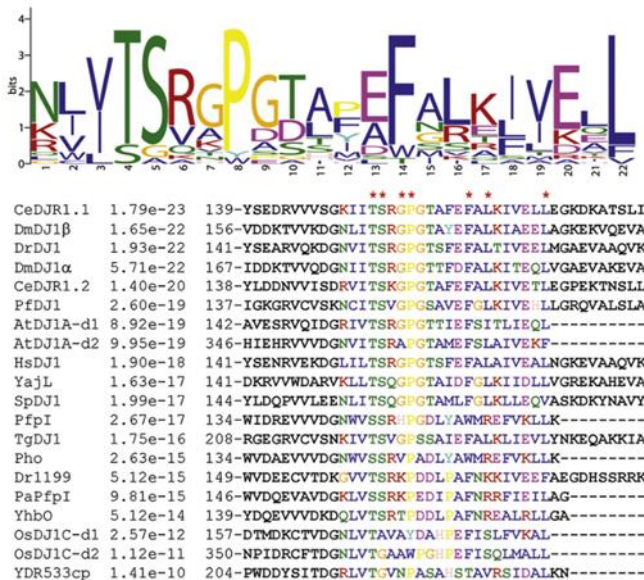


(Daren J. Moore et al, 2003
Miller D. W et al, 2003)

DJ-1 is conserved across species



Logo plot for 8 different species, with active site in red (weblogo.berkeley.edu)



sequences corresponding to the motif DJSM (Nair et al., 2018)

- Conservation might indicates importance
- DJ-1/ThiJ/PfpI superfamily
 - DJSM (TSXGPX5FXLX5L) motif
 - Anti-oxidative activity
 - Critical for deglycase activity

Questions?

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SKVTTHPLAKDKMMNGGHYTYSENRVKDGILTSRGPGTSFEFALAIVEALNGKEVAAQ  
VKAPLVLKD
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(Uniprot.org)

- Active sites in red
- at position 106 and 126
- Active site 106 is on a turn; 126 is on a loop

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