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# BIO213- Introduction to Quantitative Biology

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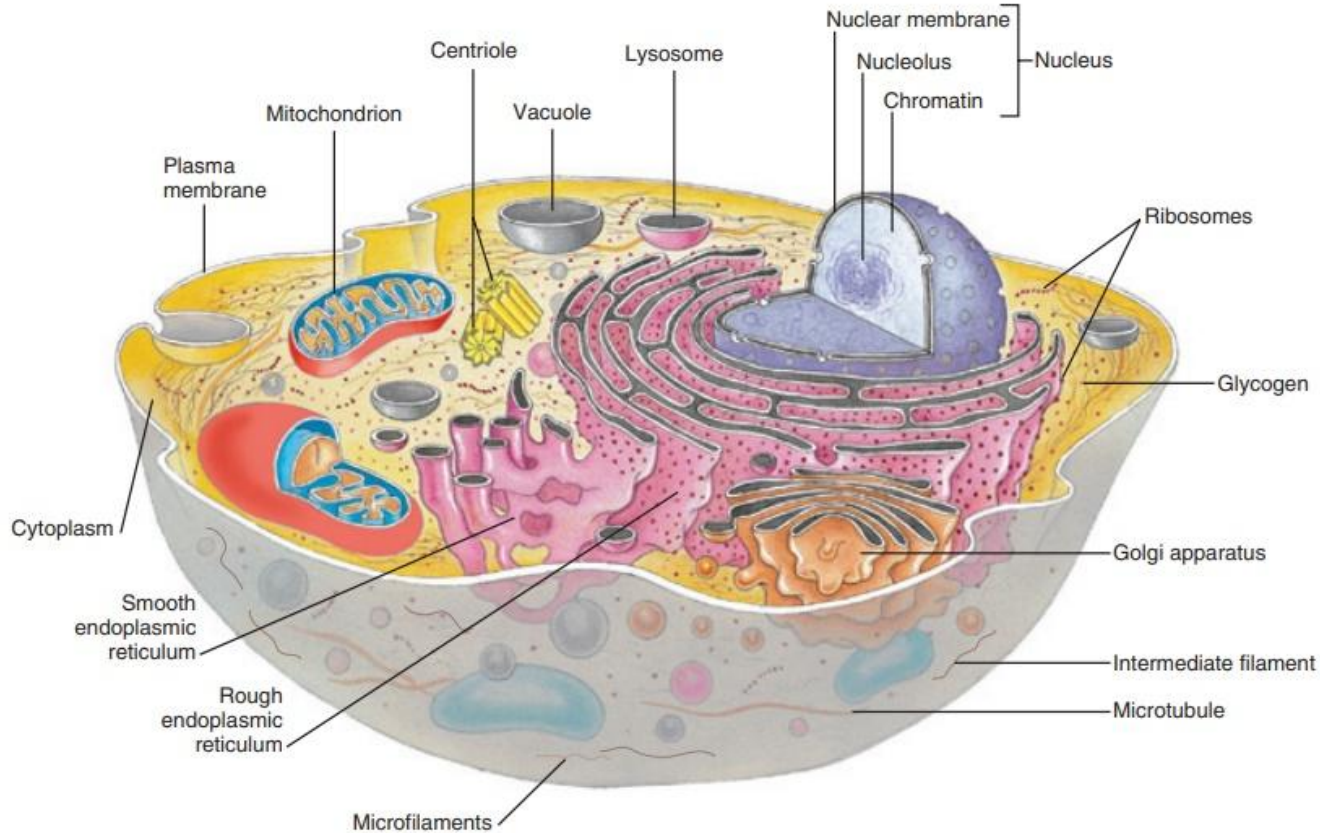
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# Course objectives

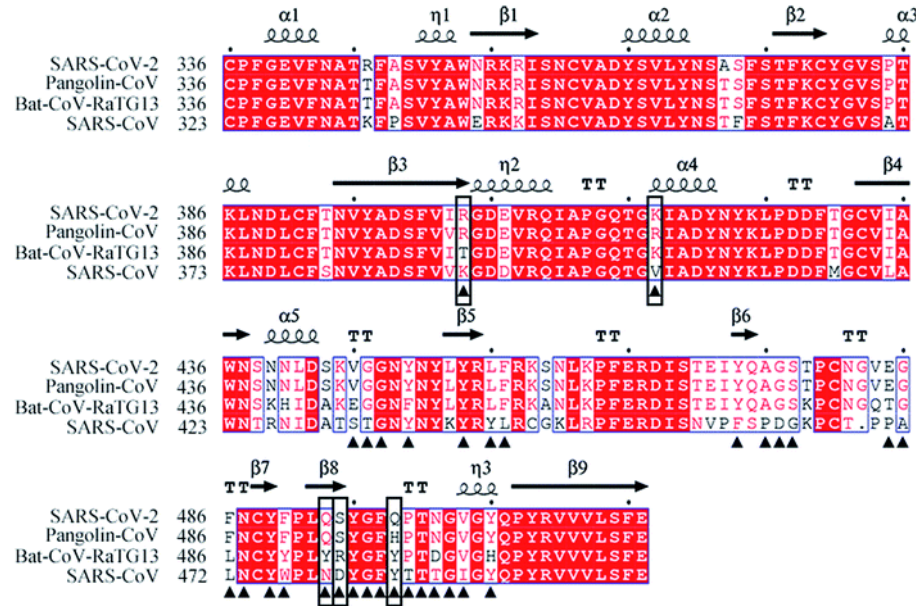
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- This course will discuss some fundamental aspects of cellular and molecular biology as studied by quantitative approaches.
- In addition, you will be introduced to algorithms used for biomedical applications.
- Some simple mathematical/statistical and computational tools will be taken up to carry out quantitative analysis of biological systems.

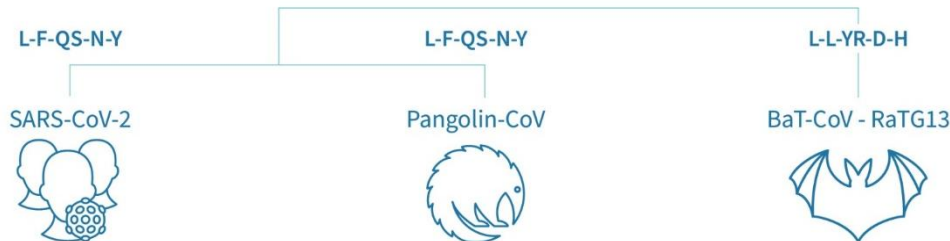
# Introduction to biology



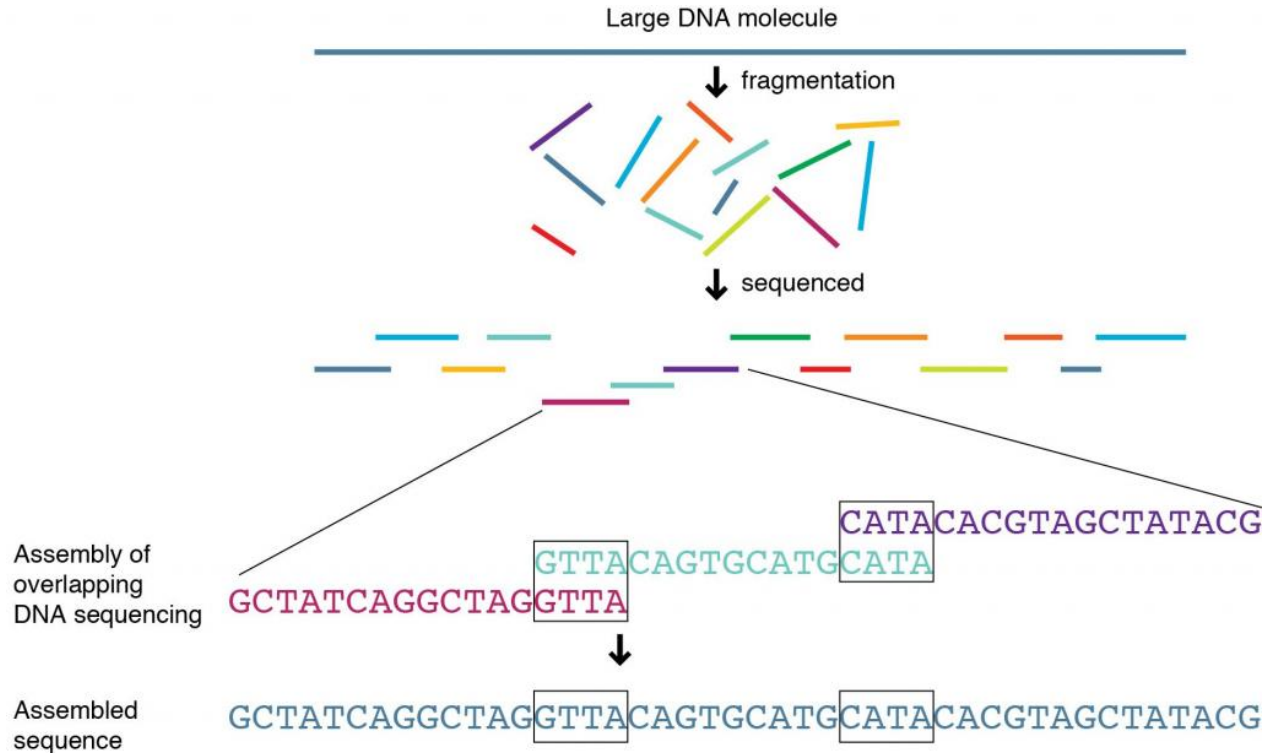
# Sequence analysis



Evolution  
and  
phylogenetic analysis



# Genome sequencing and Fragment assembly



# DNA fingerprinting

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Victim



Crime Scene



Suspect 1



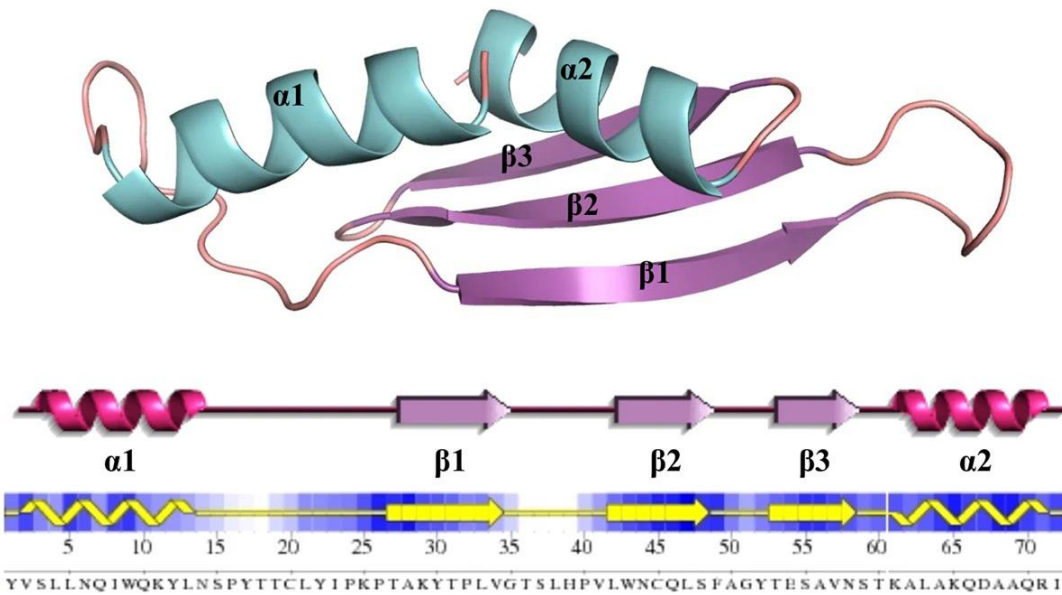
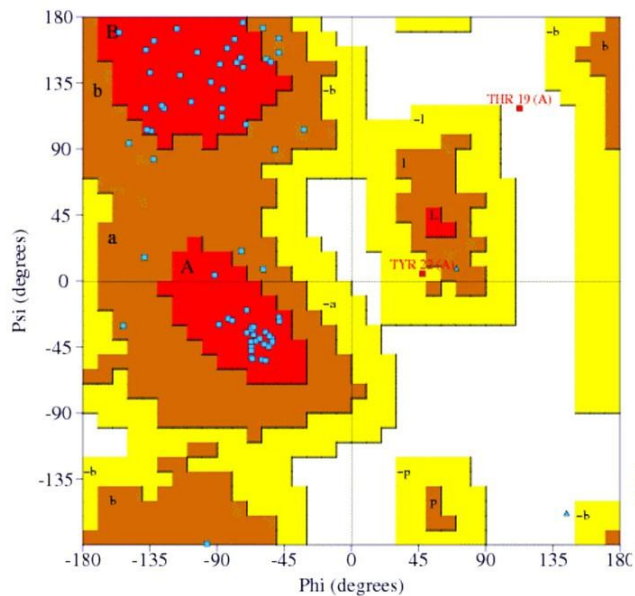
Suspect 2



Suspect 3



# Protein structure prediction



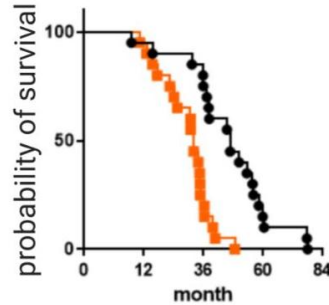
# Disease diagnostics

# Disease Forecasting

diagnostic



prognostic



predictive



clinical and laboratory features



DNA



metabolome

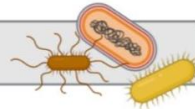


protein



immune /stroma

microbiome



Risk and outcome predictions



Probability of future outbreaks



Future geographical trends



Control & Intervention strategies

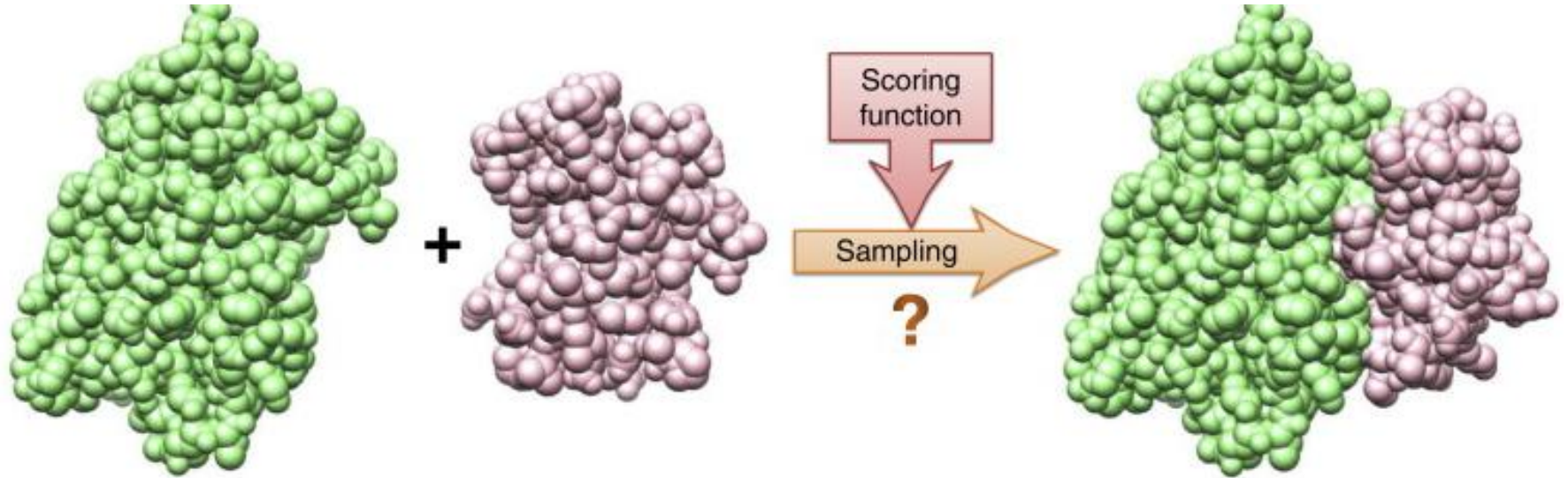


Predicting emerging pathogens



# Interaction between biomolecules

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# Course structure

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- Introduction to biology
- Sequence analysis
- Structural and functional annotation
- Genome sequencing
- DNA fingerprinting
- Evolution and phylogenetic analysis
- Motifs and pattern recognition
- Disease diagnostics
- Disease forecasting
- Interaction between biomolecules
- Implementation using case studies

# Reference books

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- *Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology (J. Setubal and J. Meidanis)*
- *Introduction to Bioinformatics Algorithms (Neil C. Jones and Pavel A. Pevzner)*

# Evaluation scheme

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Type of Evaluation	% Contribution in Grade
Mid-semester Exam	20
Quiz	30
Assignments	20
End-semester Exam	30

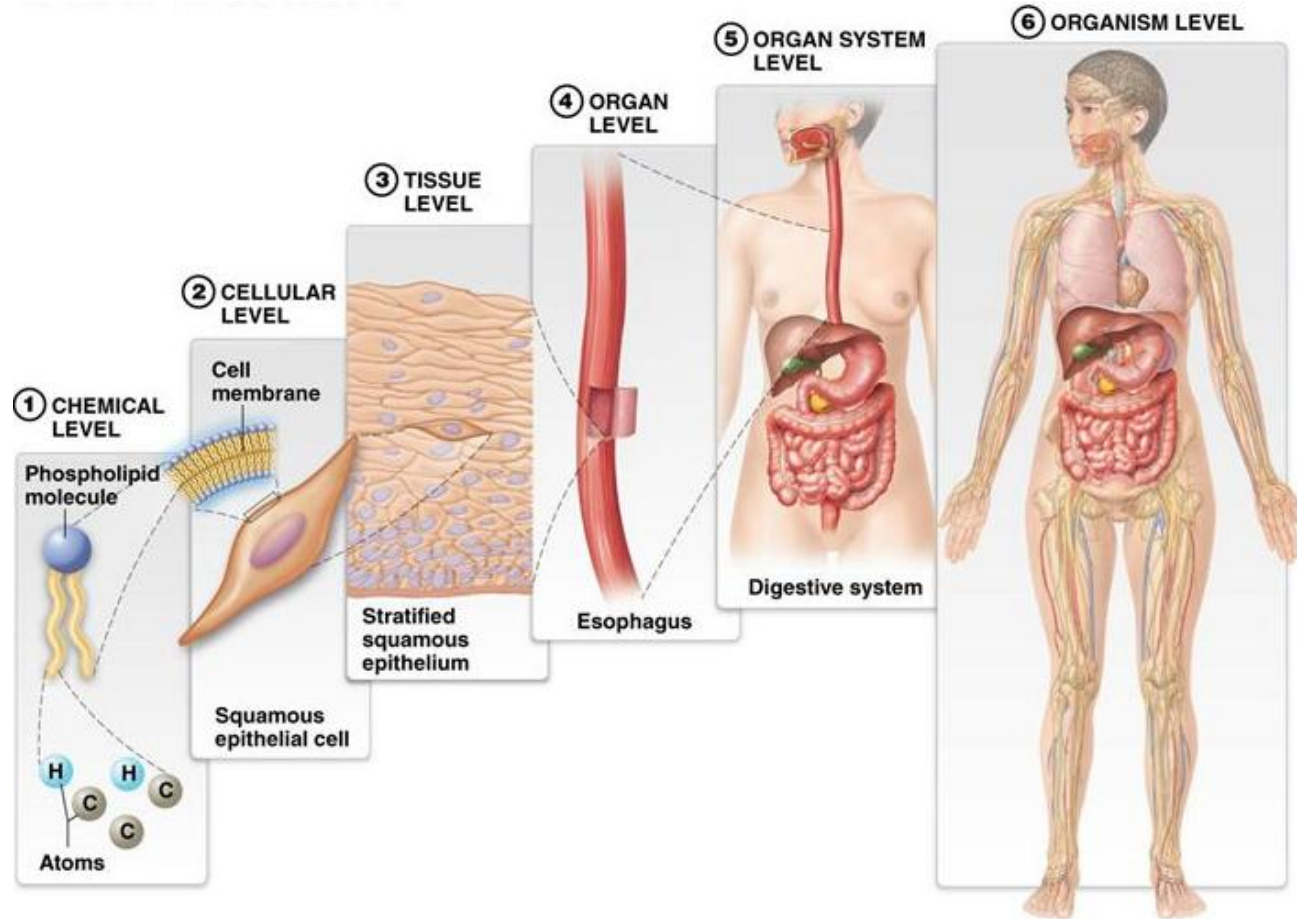
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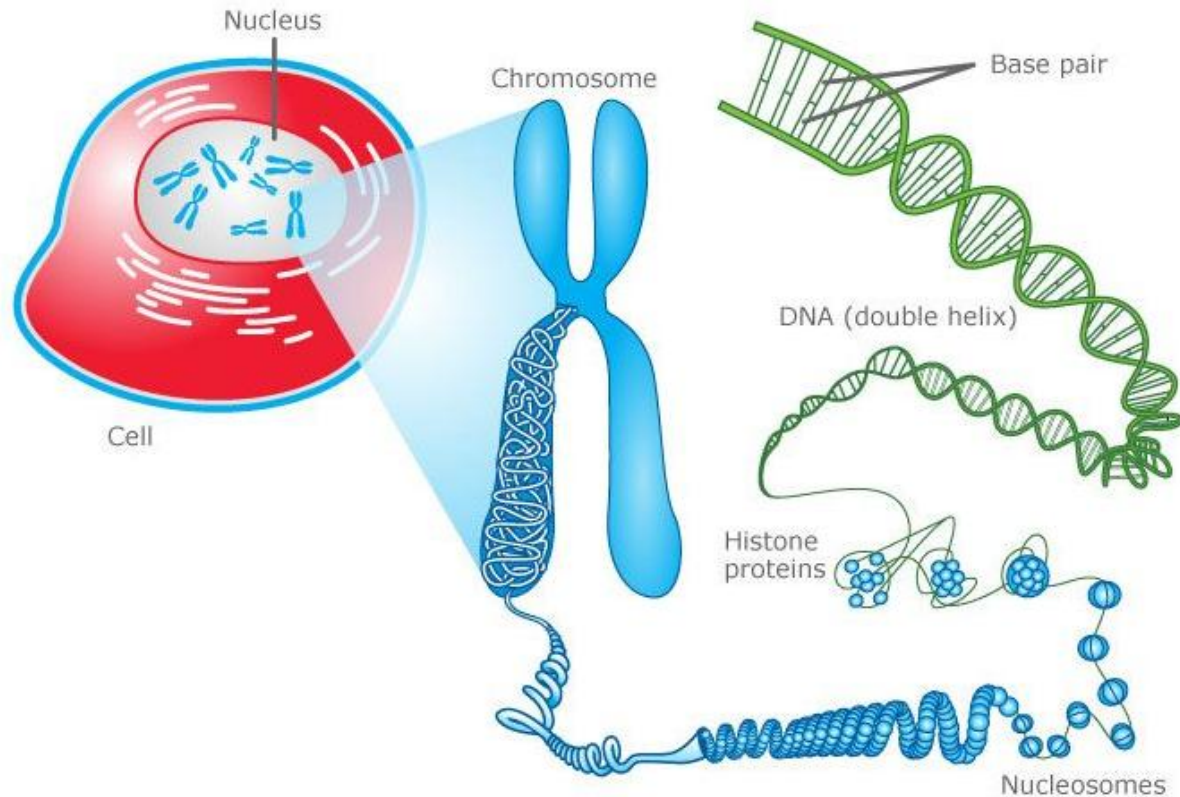
# Introduction to Biology

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# Structural organization of human body



# The genome is our Genetic Blueprint



Nearly every human cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes

- 1 - 22 and XY or XX
- XY = Male
- XX = Female

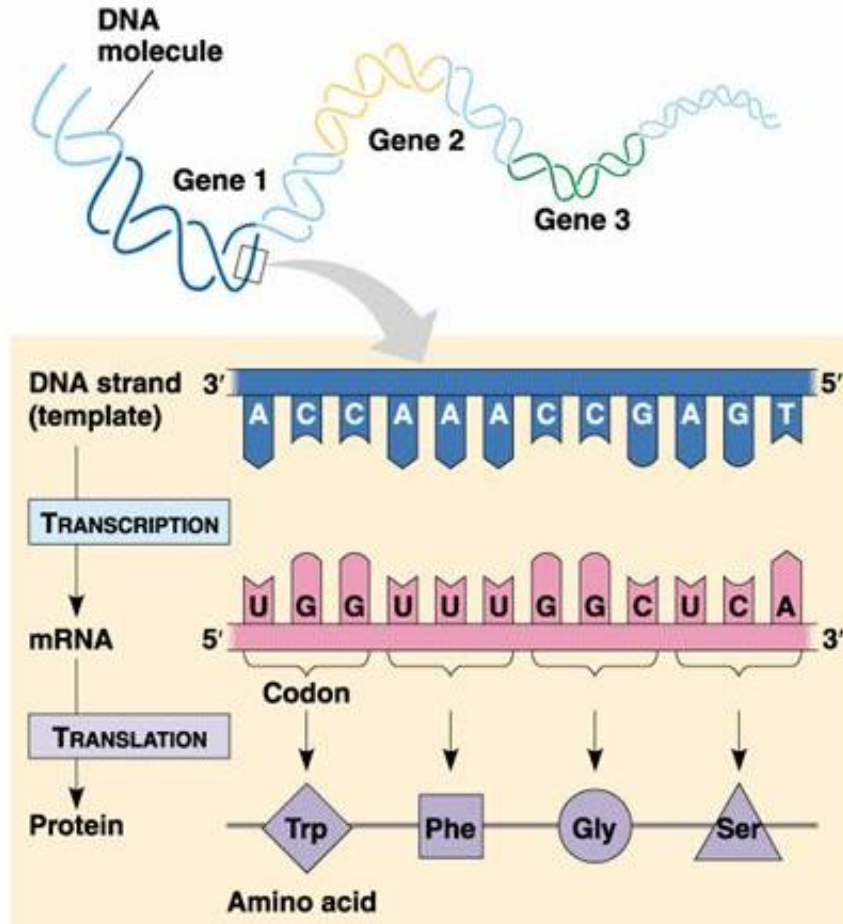
Length of chr 1-22, X, Y together is ~3.2 billion bases (about 2 meters diploid)

# Major molecules: DNA, RNA, Proteins

## Central Dogma

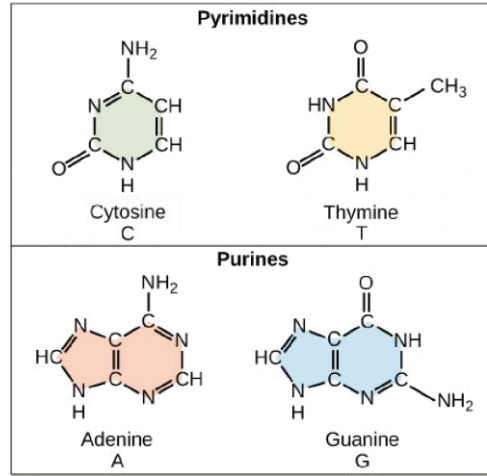
DNA → RNA → Protein

- Every cell contains the same DNA
- Cells differ in the DNA (gene) which is active at any one time
- Genes - DNA sequences that encode proteins or RNA

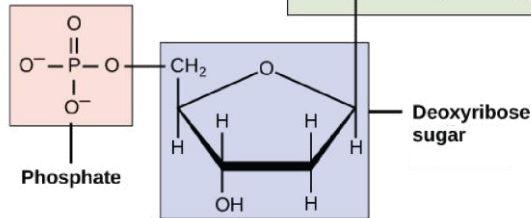




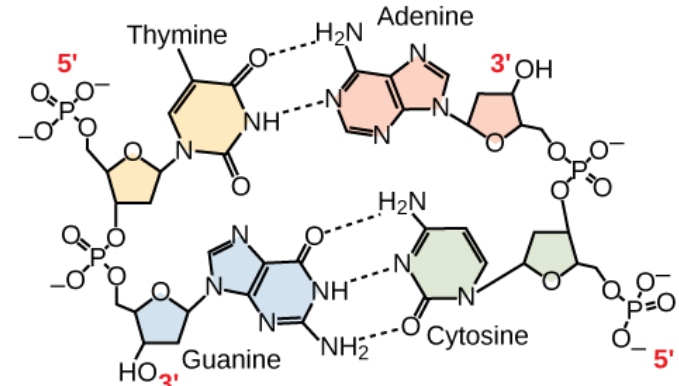
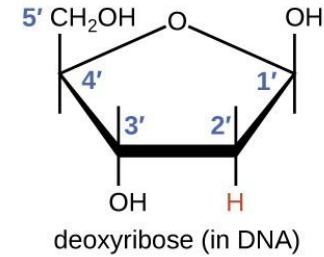
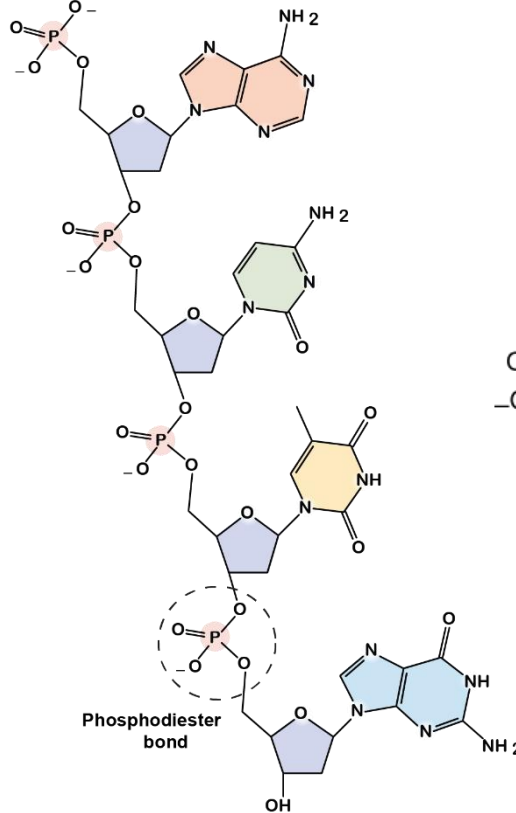
# Nucleotides, the building blocks of DNA



## Nucleotide



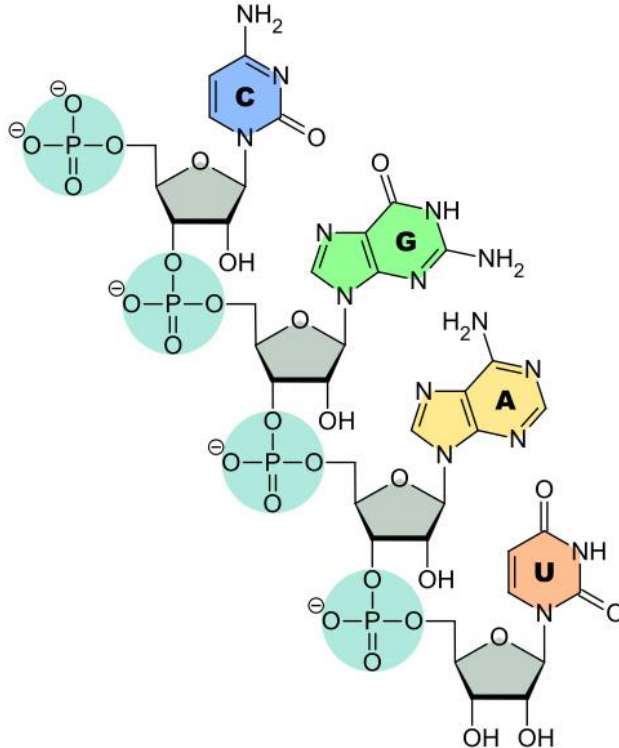
## Single strand of DNA



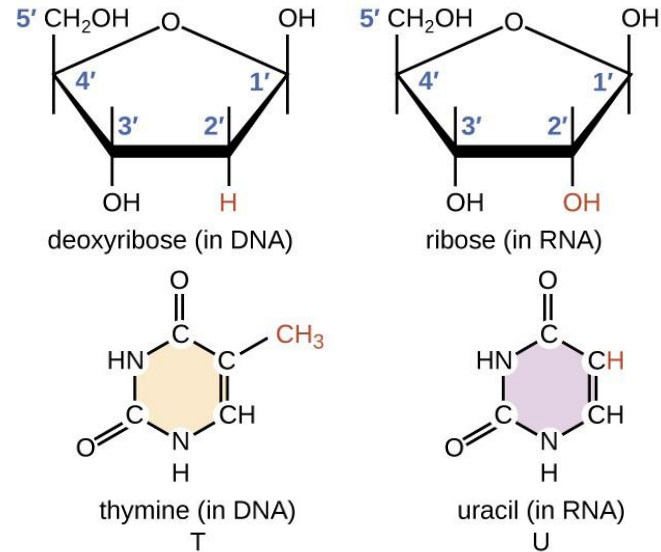
## Double stranded DNA

# Nucleotides, the building blocks of RNA

## Structure of RNA



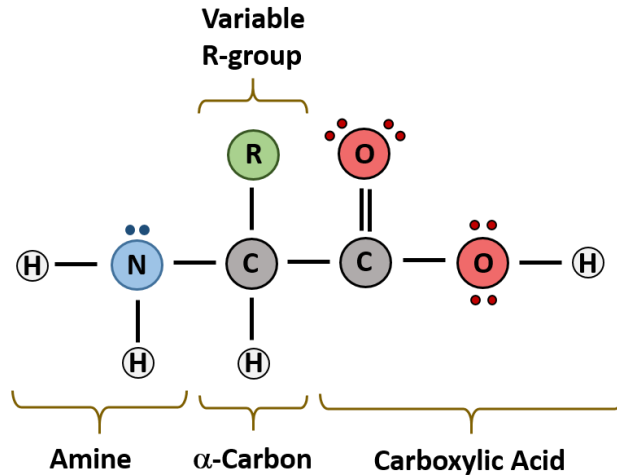
## Differences between DNA and RNA



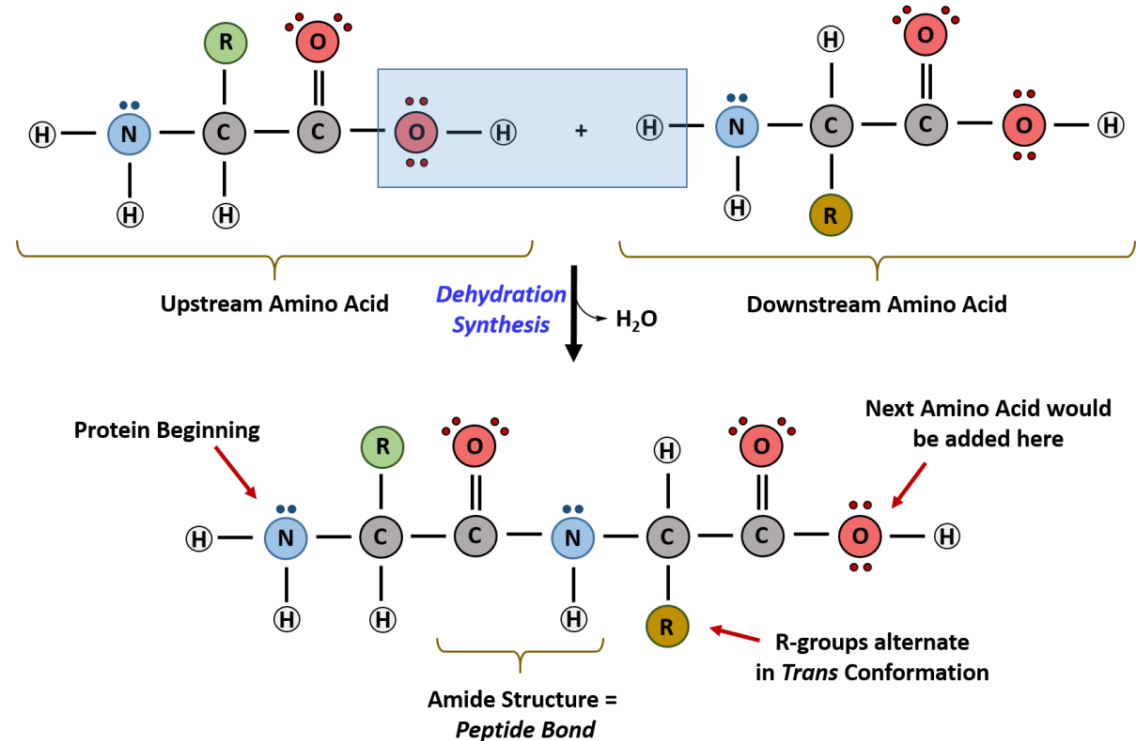
**Major types of RNA:**  
messenger RNA (mRNA),  
ribosomal RNA (rRNA), transfer RNA (tRNA),  
regulatory RNAs (miRNA, siRNA)

# Amino acids, the building blocks of protein

## Basic structure of an amino acid

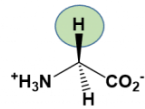


## Formation of peptide bond

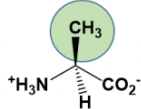


# Different types of Amino acids

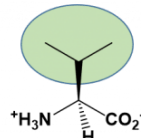
## Nonpolar (Hydrophobic) Amino Acids



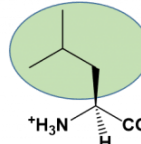
Glycine  
Gly, G



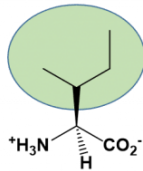
Alanine  
Ala, A



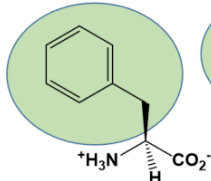
Valine  
Val, V



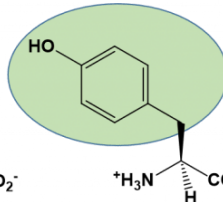
Leucine  
Leu, L



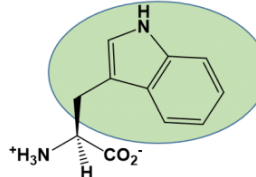
Isoleucine  
Ile, I



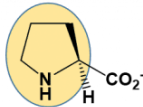
Phenylalanine  
Phe, F



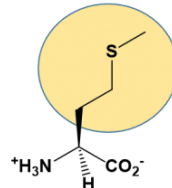
Tyrosine  
Tyr, Y



Tryptophan  
Trp, W

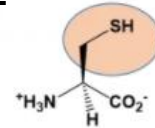


Proline  
Pro, P

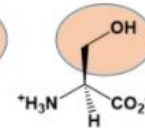


Methionine  
Met, M

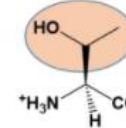
## Polar (Hydrophilic) Amino Acids



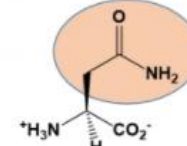
Cysteine  
Cys, C



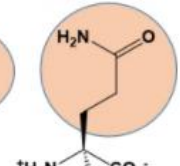
Serine  
Ser, S



Threonine  
Thr, T

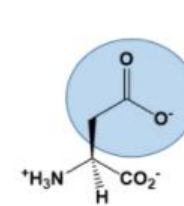


Asparagine  
Asn, N

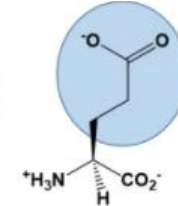


Glutamine  
Gln, Q

## Acidic Amino Acids

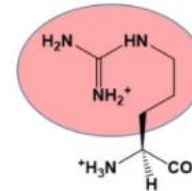


Aspartic Acid  
Asp, D

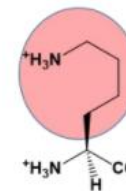


Glutamic Acid  
Glu, E

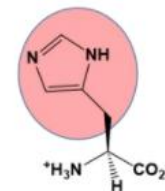
## Basic Amino Acids



Arginine  
Arg, R



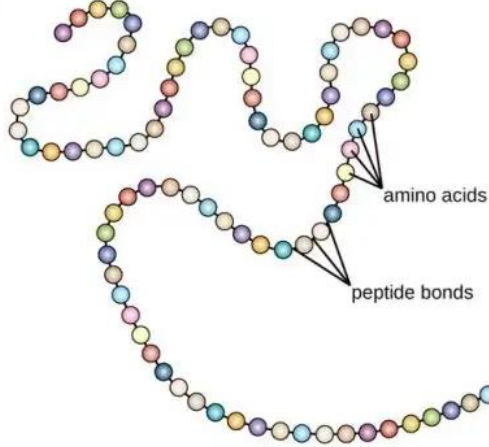
Lysine  
Lys, K



Histidine  
His, H

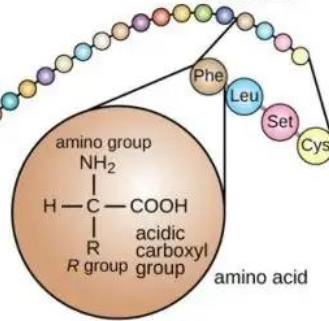
# Structure of protein

free amino group,  
N-terminus



The primary protein structure is the chain of amino acids that makes up the protein.

free carboxyl group,  
C-terminus

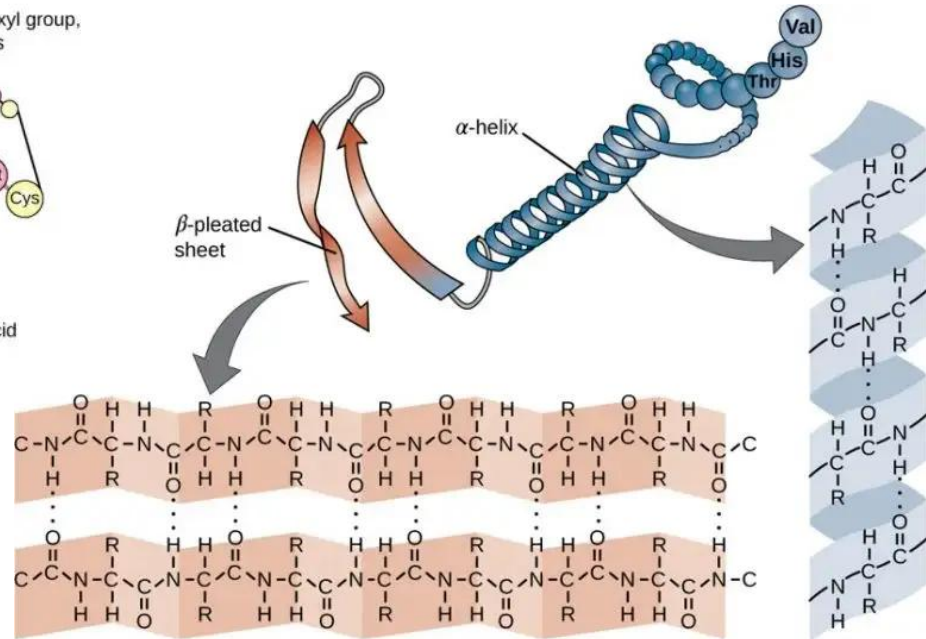


## Secondary structure of protein

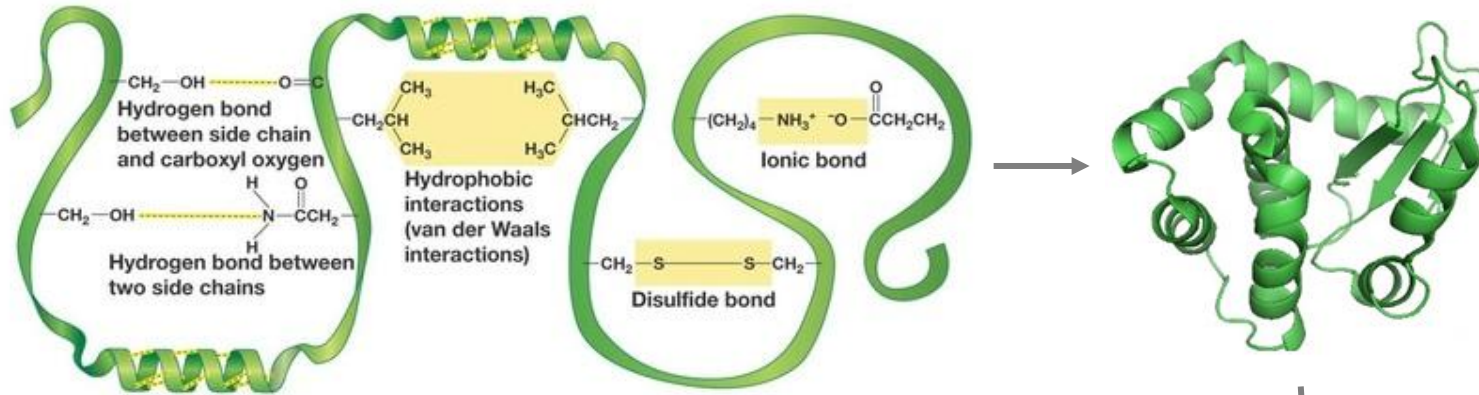
Hydrogen bonding between amino acids cause the polypeptide to form an alpha helix or a pleated sheet.

## Primary structure of protein

This level of structure is determined by the sequence of amino acids that join to form a polypeptide.



# Structure of protein



## Tertiary structure of protein

This level of structure is determined by the sequence of amino acids that join to form a polypeptide.

## Quaternary structure of protein

This level of structure forms when two or more tertiary structures combine to form a single protein

