Food Chemistry I

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AMINO ACIDS, PEPTIDES and PROTEINS

Proteins play a central role in biological systems



Amino Acid



Protein



Proteins contain:

50%–55% carbon

6%–7% hydrogen

20%-23% oxygen

12%–19% nitrogen

0.2%-3.0% sulfur

on w/w basis.

PROTEINS

Homoproteins

are not enzymatically modified in cells

Heteroproteins (conjugated

proteins)

are covalently modified or complexed with nonprotein

components

- * nucleoproteins (e.g., ribosomes),
- * *glycoproteins* (e.g., ovalbumin, к-casein)
- *phosphoproteins* (e.g.,α- and β-caseins, kinases, phosphorylases)
- * *lipoproteins* (e.g., proteins of egg yolk, several plasma proteins)
- * metalloproteins (e.g., hemoglobin, myoglobin, cytochromes, several enzymes)

Proteins also can be classified according to their three-dimensional structural organization. <u>*Fibrous proteins*</u>

The diverse biological functions of proteins can be categorized as

- * enzyme catalysts
- * structural proteins
- * contractile proteins (myosin, actin, tubulin)
- * electron transporters (cytochromes)
- * ion pumps
- * hormones (insulin, growth hormone)
- * transfer proteins (serum albumin, transferrin, hemoglobin)
- * antibodies (immunoglobulins [lg's])
- * storage proteins (egg albumen, seed proteins)
- * toxins

FOOD PROTEINS

- * easily digestible
- * nontoxic
- * nutritionally adequate
- * functionally usable in
 - food products
- * available in abundance
- * agriculturally sustainable