Chemical Principles (Organic Compounds)

Chapter 2

Organic Compounds

Contain Carbon and Hydrogen

Compounds of Life

Biologic Molecules

# 4 Groups of Organic Compounds

#### • 1. Proteins

• 2. Carbohydrates

• 3. Lipids

• 4. Nucleic Acids

# Synthesis and Hydrolysis



## Proteins

 Enzymes, carrier molecules, hormones, antibodies, cell wall, cell membrane

• Over 50 % of a cells dry weight is Protein

#### Basic Unit Molecule

Amino acids - 20 amino acids found in living systems

#### Amino acid structure

- AA-AA
- AA-AA-AA
- AA-AA-AA-AA
- AA-AA-AA-AA-AA

Dipeptide Tripeptide Tetrapeptide Polypeptide

Bond between Amino acids - Peptide Bond

## Levels of Structure

- 1. Primary
- 2. Secondary
- 3. Tertiary
- 4. Quaternary

## Primary Level of Structure

• The linear sequence of Amino acids

# Levels of protein organization — Primary structure



# Secondary Level of Structure

• When the a chain of polypeptides takes on a specific orientation in space

- 2 Main Types
  - Alpha Helix
  - Beta Pleated Sheet

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## Levels of protein organization α (alpha) helix



## Tertiary Level of Structure

Final 3 dimensional configuration

Held together by many different bonds:

- peptide
- ionic
- hydrogen
- covalent
- sulfhydryl

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### Levels of protein organization — Tertiary Stucture



# Quaternary Level of Structure

• When 2 or more proteins come together to form a functional unit

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## Levels of protein organization — Quaternary Structure





#### Denatured

- Temperature
- pH
- salt concentrations
- heavy metals







## Simple vs. Conjugated Proteins

Simple proteins - contains only amino acids

Conjugated proteins - amino acid with another component

- Glycoprotein
- Nucleoprotein
- Lipoprotein
- Phosphoprotein



# *Carbohydrates - sugars and starches* • C, H, O

- Ratio of H to O
  - 2:1
- Hydrates of carbon

- Functions
  - Fuel for cell activity
  - food reserve (starch)
  - part of bacterial cell wall
  - part of DNA and RNA (deoxyribose and ribose)

# Monosaccharides - simple sugars

Contain from 3 to 7 carbons

- Trioses 3 carbons
- Tetroses 4 carbons
- Pentoses
- Hexoses

- 5 carbons
- 6 carbons
- Heptoses 7 carbons
- Glucose, Fructose, Galactose •

#### Disaccharides - 2 monosaccharides

• Glucose + Fructose = Sucrose

• Glucose + Galactose = Lactose

Glucose + Glucose = Maltose

#### Condensation synthesis and hydrolysis of maltose, a disaccharide



*Polysaccharides - a chain of monosaccharides* 

- 1. Glycogen
- 2. Starch
- 3. Cellulose

#### 1. Glycogen - storage form of glucose for animals and some bacteria

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#### **Glycogen Structure**





# 2. Starch - storage form of glucose in plants

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#### **Starch Structure**





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#### **Cellulose Structure**



#### Lipids - fats and oils

- C, H, O (but lack the 2:1 ratio found in carbohydrates)
- wide variety of lipids, but all are non-polar

#### Function

- energy storage
- structure of cell membrane and cell wall

# Simple Lipids (fats)

- 1 Glycerol
- 3 Fatty acids

Triglyceride

- Fatty acids
  - saturated
  - unsaturated

# Phospholipid - Complex Lipid

 Phosphate group replaces one of the Fatty Acids

• Polar head & non-polar tail

 Main structural component of the cell membrane



### Cell Membrane





## Nucleic Acids

- DNA deoxyribonucleic acid
- RNA ribonucleic acid
- Basic Unit Nucleotide
- Nucleotide
  - phosphate
  - pentose sugar
  - nitrogenous base



# ATP - Adenosine triphosphate

• Energy carrying molecule of the cell

ATP cycle

