

Amino Acids

20 of amino acids (L- isomers) are commonly found in proteins.

- All amino acids are an **amino (-NH₂)**
 - -All 20 of the common amino acids are *a*-amino acids

Amino Acids: The building blocks of proteins



Classification of Amino Acids



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I- Nonpolar, Aliphatic R Groups (7 a.a)

Name

Glycine

Alanine

Proline

Valine

Leucine

Isoleucine

Methionine

2-Aromatic R Groups (3a.a)

Name

Phenylalanine

Tyrosine

Tryptophan

3- Polar Uncharged R Groups (5 a.a)

Name

Serine

Threonine

Cysteine

Asparagine

Glutamine

4- Positively charged R Groups (Basic a.a) (3 a.a)



5- Negatively charged R Groups (Acidic a.a) (2 a.a)

Name

Aspartate Aspartic acid

Glutamate Glutamic acid

Peptides

Peptides Are Chains of Amino Acids

The amino acid units can be joined through a peptide bond

Peptides and **Proteins** are polymers of amino acids



Proteins



Proteins are built from 20 simpler compounds called amino acids.

• The amino acids in the protein molecule are linked together through peptide bonds.

Classification of Proteins



Protein digestion:

- Proteins are generally too large to be absorbed by the intestine.
- They must be hydrolyzed to their constituent amino acids, which can be absorbed.

1) Digestion of proteins by gastric secretion(stomach)

The gastric juice contains two components important for protein digestion:

1) Hydrochloric acid (HCL). 2) Pepsin



2) Digestion of proteins in small intestine





The digestion in small intestine is **hormonally** controlled.

3) Absorption of digested proteins:

amino acids absorption

