Protein sequencing

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Protein sequencing

- •Determining amino acid sequence all or part of protein
- Partial sequencing of protein gives sufficient information
- Major way of protein sequencing

N-terminal, C-terminal amino acid analysis

Edman degradation

mass spectrometry



Mass spectrometry

- Mass of single or multiple protein determination and characterization
- Basic principle is ionization, separation by magnetic or electric field, detection, analysis



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Method1: digestion

• Digest protein to peptides with trypsin (digestion readily available, specific), ideal size for analysis



Method2: ionization

• Ionize and dissociate by electric or magnetic effect







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Method3: mass separation

Time of flight



lons are accelerated by electric field and the velocity of ion depends on the mass-charged ratio

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Method3: mass separation

Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance



$$f = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

Separation mass-to-charge ratio (m/z) of ions based on the cyclotron frequency of the ions in a fixed magnetic field https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:LTQ-FTICR.jpg



Method4: analysis

- Mass spectrum
- Collate with data base from the result of mass spectrometry



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Advantages

- Useful for identification of protein when used in conjunction with other techniques such as NMR and IR spectroscopy
- Effective for localize protein to the various organelles

Draw backs

- Can not distinguish leucine and isoleucine because of same mass
- Impossible to identify between isomers of a compound having the same charge-to-mass (m/z) ratio