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INTRODUCTION TO THE FIELD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

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ABSTRACT:
Before the 20th century, the word "biotechnology" was used to conventional processes like creating bread, wine, beer, cheese, curd, and other dairy products. None of them, however, could be categorized as biotechnology in a contemporary sense. Biotechnology does not include practices like plant cloning by grafting or the selective breeding of organisms to change their genetic makeup. It is possible to refer to fermentation as classical biotechnology or traditional biotechnology when it is used to prepare and manufacture goods like alcohol, beer, wine, dairy products, different forms of organic acids like vinegar and citric acid, amino acids, and vitamins. The practice of using live organisms, such yeast or bacteria, to create beneficial substances or products is known as fermentation. In that it makes use of living things, contemporary biotechnology is akin to traditional biotechnology. So what about contemporary biotechnology is novel? Modernity is not found in the use of many living things, but rather in the methods used to do so. The face of traditional biotechnology has been permanently altered by the advent of a significant number of innovative approaches. These cutting-edge methods, which are mostly used on cells and molecules, enable highly precise use of biological processes. For instance, genetic engineering has made it possible to transfer a single gene's functionality from one creature to another. However, let's first define biotechnology before delving into its specifics and the methods that make it feasible.

KEYWORDS:
Biotechnology, DNA, Fermentation, Genetics, Products.

INTRODUCTION

There are several ways to define biotechnology. It may be simply defined as the commercialization of molecular and cell biology. The "controlled use of biological agents like cells or cellular components for beneficial use" is biotechnology, according to the United States National Science Academy. It encompasses both traditional and contemporary biotechnology. Biotechnology is more broadly described as "the use of living organisms, cells, or cellular components for the production of compounds or precise genetic improvement of living things for the benefit of man" (Oxford Dictionary). Despite the fact that biotechnology has been used for thousands of years, the development of life sciences was revolutionized by the technological boom of the twentieth century in the fields of physics, chemistry, engineering, computer application, and information technology, which ultimately led to the development of modern biotechnology[1], [2].

In addition to engineering and information technology, a variety of biochemical, biophysical, and molecular approaches have helped life scientists generate novel medications, diagnostic tools, vaccinations, foods, cosmetics, and compounds with industrial applications. Crop plants that have been genetically modified to withstand the stress of pests, diseases, and harsh environmental conditions have been created. In order to further the research on the genomes and proteomics of both humans and other creatures, new tools and methodologies have also

been created. A new field of biotechnology called bioinformatics and computational biology has emerged as a result of the use of information technology and the internet in biotechnology, notably in genomics and proteomics. Like any other contemporary science, biotechnology is built on the information that has been accumulated through time. A complete understanding of biotechnology requires knowledge of its development's past.

Historic Considerations

Though just 200 years old as a science, biotechnology is a very ancient technology. The term "biotechnology," which was first used in 1917, describes a massive fermentation process used to produce numerous kinds of industrial chemicals. However, the origins of biotechnology may be found in prehistoric societies like those of the Indus Valley and Egypt, where people first learnt about agriculture and animal domestication. They had learnt to use biotechnology even before they were aware that microbes existed.

Biotechnology in the Paleolithic Period

When primitive man was domesticated, he learned to process plants for medicine, make bread, wine, and beer, as well as many fermented foods like yoghurt, cheese, and different soy products. He also developed septic systems to handle excretory and digestive waste, as well as vaccines to protect himself against disease. Archaeologists continue to find older instances of how man used microbes. The majority of these procedures have examples as early as 5000 BC. For instance, the ancient Indus people created and consumed a variety of fermented foods, drinks, and remedies. As early as 4000 BC, the Sumerians and Egyptians employed yeast to manufacture wine and bake bread. Bacteria were utilized by people in Mesopotamia to turn wine into vinegar. By rotating crops in the field to boost agricultural yields, many ancient civilizations took use of the microscopic creatures that inhabit the ground. The Greeks used a variety of food preservation techniques, including drying, smoking, curing, salting, and crop rotation to increase crop production. All of these methods and procedures were used in the ancient India as well as the Middle East and South East Asia. The process of dehydration employing a salt solution was utilized in Egyptian mummification[3], [4].

Genetic Resource Use

The ancient people understood the importance of natural genetic resources like plants in a region's economic development. The monarchs of ancient era would dispatch plant hunters to harvest valued exotic plant species that provided priceless spices and medicines. In similar fashion, colonial powers of the modern era undertook extensive plant collection trips throughout Latin America, Asia, and Africa, displaying their discoveries in botanic gardens. These early "gene banks" aided the globalization of agricultural monocultures by the colonial powers.

Fermentation and Microorganisms

Even though people have been creating bread, beer, and cheese for generations, the scientific study of these biochemical processes is just a little over 200 years old. When Dutch experimenter Anton Van Leeuwenhoek used his microscope to find microbes, he provided clues to understanding fermentation. Utilising analytical methods for the determination of carbon dioxide, he revealed the chemical underpinnings of the fermentation process. Two hundred years later, in 1857, a French scientist named Louis Pasteur wrote his first study on the fermentation-based production of lactic acid from sugar. Later in 1860, he released a

thorough paper on the fermentation of alcohol. He described some of the intricate physiological processes that take place during fermentation in this article.

DISCUSSION

He demonstrated that fermentation results from anaerobic life and distinguished between three forms of fermentation:

Fermentation, a process that releases gas;

Alcohol-producing fermentation; and

Fermentation produces acids as a consequence.

Eduard Buchner noticed near the end of the nineteenth century that adding cell-free yeast extract to an aqueous solution of carbohydrates resulted in the production of ethanol and carbon dioxide. He therefore demonstrated that cells are not necessary for the fermentation process and that the active ingredients are dispersed throughout the extract. He gave it the name "Zymase." In order to create glycerine for the explosive nitroglycerine during World War I, the fermentation process was altered in Germany. Similar to how new technology in the food and chemical sectors were developed by military weapons programmes, which helped them win battles in the First World War. For manufacturing the explosive cordite, for instance, they employed the same bacterium that turns grain or molasses into acetone. Biotechnology not only helped troops die, but also helped them recover. The first antibiotic, penicillin, was discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming, and it was very effective in healing injured troops[5], [6].

Evolution of Genetics

When Gregor John Mendel published the results of his research as the "laws of genetics" in 1906, biotechnology made significant strides. He foresaw the existence of "units of heredity"—later referred to as genes—that did not alter from generation to generation but simply underwent recombination. In an effort to explain how creatures resemble their parents while yet differing from them, the study of genetics, which derives from the word "genesis," which refers to the beginning of anything, was developed. It was formerly thought that each gene had a direct correlation to a certain characteristic. Genetics began assisting plant breeders in enhancing their harvests by the 1920s. Genetics had revolutionised agriculture by the 1940s, which sparked the Green Revolution in the 1960s.

Genetic Engineering and DNA: The Foundation of Modern Biotechnology

The discovery of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), which contains the hereditary information in the cells, revolutionised the field of genetics. Although FriederichMiescher had previously established the molecular makeup of DNA in 1869, it wasn't until the early 1950s that this discovery was given considerable consideration as the chemical underpinning of genes. In 1953, Francis Crick, James Watson, and Rosalind Franklin made the discovery that the DNA molecule was made of two strands that were twisted around one another like a spiral staircase and connected by bars that looked like rings. From a blade of grass to an elephant, DNA is nearly the same in terms of its makeup, structure, and function. The specific arrangement of the chemical bases in the DNA molecule is what varies and distinguishes each organism. This inspired scientists to consider how they can alter this arrangement and therefore alter life. Nirenberg, Marshall, and H. The genetic code was deciphered in 1961 by Gobind Khorana.

Within a short period of time, researchers and businessmen began attempting to change the genetic makeup of living things by transferring certain genes from one creature to another. By changing the genetic material at the molecular level, they were now able to transform various living forms. In 1973, Walter Gilbert conducted the first recombinant DNA studies, and in 1975, he produced the first hybridomas. The first recombinant human therapeutic protein, insulin (humulin), was created in 1982, along with monoclonal antibodies for diagnostic use. The first biotech firm to create techniques for rearranging DNA was the American business Genentech, which started doing so in 1976. Interferon, insulin, and a variety of genetically engineered agricultural plants, such the high-solids-processing tomato with 20% less water, are all products of recombinant-DNA-assisted biotechnology. In order to research cancer, transgenic animals have been developed, such as the unlucky onco-mouse, which was engineered to get cancer 10 months after birth.

The 1980 U.S. judgement has helped and encouraged businesses in their research. The Supreme Court has approved patenting of genetically modified microorganisms our implies that almost every lifeform existing on our planet might possibly become into the property of the business or individual who 'creates' it. The monopolisation of life by a small number of very large corporations is one of the biggest dangers posed by the emerging biosciences. Around the globe, 600 pharmaceutical firms are working on developing genetically altered products. Mistakes are inevitable. Additionally, a mistake with something as potent as genetic engineering might have far-reaching consequences. The whole gene revolution is on the point of being turned over to a select group of global corporations. We must set strict regulations on the genetics supply sector and endeavour to ensure that new technologies are used for the benefit of the whole world community[7], [8].

Biotechnology used to be primarily focused on producing food and medications. It also made an effort to address environmental issues. Due to the strong demand for diverse compounds including ethanol, butanol, glycerine, and acetone, among others, companies related to fermentation technology grew significantly in the nineteenth century. A brand-new field, known as "bioprocess technology," has emerged as a result of the development of the fermentation process via its interaction with chemical engineering. The use of bioprocess technology in fermentation may be used to produce proteins and enzymes on a large scale. Processes are created to economically produce huge amounts of chemicals, antibiotics, proteins, and enzymes by using the concepts of biology, chemistry, and engineering sciences. Upstream, downstream, and media and buffer preparation are all included in bioprocess technology. The microbe receives the medium, substrate, and ideal chemical environment from upstream processes in order to carry out the necessary biochemical reactions and generate the product. The procedure of separating the pure product from the fermentation medium is known as downstream processing. Thus, biotechnology—now referred to as classical biotechnology—evolved from fermentation technology. Now, if we take a closer look at biotechnology, we can see that it has applications in a number of industries, including food, agriculture, medical, and fixing environmental issues. Due to this, biotechnology has been divided into a variety of fields, including agricultural, pharmaceutical, industrial, and environmental, as well as medical and/or medical-related.

In addition to bioprocess technology, recombinant DNA (rDNA) and hybridoma technology are the basic foundations of contemporary biotechnology. The primary technique for producing genetically modified species, such as plants, animals, and microorganisms, as well as for addressing key issues in the life sciences is rDNA technology. In reality, the production and sale of recombinant human insulin in the United States in 1982 marked the beginning of

contemporary biotechnology. The work that resulted in this historic occurrence started in the early 1970s when research experts created procedures for creating vectors—new DNA that could be put into bacteria—by cutting out and pasting together fragments of existing DNA. (Transformation) E. coli. The bacteria would be able to make insulin or any other therapeutic protein or enzyme in huge numbers by using bioprocess technology if one of the new DNA's pieces has the gene for it.

Hybridoma technology is another method for producing human therapeutic proteins, vaccines, and diagnostic proteins. In 1975, the first hybridoma trials were conducted. In hybridoma technology, a myeloma cell is joined with a B-lymphocyte that secretes an antibody against a certain antigen. The resultant (a malignant B-lymphocyte) cell will continue to grow and divide forever, generating significant amounts of the antibody that can subsequently be extracted, whether it is injected into the abdomen of a mouse or cultivated in a bioreactor using bioprocess technology. Monoclonal antibodies (MAb), the resultant proteins, are most often utilised in diagnostic tests. Pregnancy tests are the most well-known MAb-containing diagnostic tool. With the use of DNA technology, new crop plant types with enhanced agronomic and nutritional properties may be created in agriculture. There are transgenic plants that can withstand biotic and abiotic stressors like salt, drought, and disease[9], [10].

Many additional proteins (for human and veterinary medicines, vaccinations, and diagnostics) have been produced since the production of human insulin using recombinant e. coli started in 1982. There are several human therapeutic proteins or vaccines available today that are produced using cutting-edge biotechnology techniques, have received official approval, and are sold on the domestic market. More than 200 more human therapeutic and vaccine proteins are now undergoing clinical trials. Cancer, AIDS, heart disease, multiple sclerosis, Lyme disease, herpes, rheumatoid arthritis, and viral disorders are among the illnesses for which products are now being evaluated. Additionally, items are being created to speed up wound healing, lessen bleeding from surgical operations, and avoid organ rejection.

The future of this fascinating new area of contemporary biotechnology is impossible to foresee. There is no question about its capacity to advance both the global economy and quality of life for people. However, as life sciences and biotechnology research and development expand, a number of societal, environmental, and ethical issues surface. Numerous organisations are researching different problems and tackling the common worries.

Potential Commercial

The use of biological sciences for commercial purposes is known as biotechnology. It significantly affects a variety of applied sciences, production methods, health and medical care, agriculture, and environmental sciences. It achieved significant advancements in the health and medical fields with monitoring and diagnostic systems. Monitoring the utilisation of both conventional and unconventional energy sources is a key function of biotechnology. Commercial biotechnology goods are already on the market and include things like updated diagnostics, recombinant therapeutic proteins, vaccinations, and vaccines, as well as biochips or DNA chips. The design and results of gene analysis in the area of molecular medicine are being revolutionised by the biochips or DNA microarrays that are now being manufactured. Using genetically modified microbes, bioremediation methods are currently used commercially to clean drinking water, freshwater ecosystems, and rivers of hazardous manufacturing effluents.

Biotechnology and the computer industry are comparable in terms of their economic potential. The consumer market is poised for a biotech sector explosion. Numerous new biotech goods will soon be available to consumers, such as super-nutritious meals and foods containing vaccinations, which will alter how people see agriculture. Along with the commonalities in their economic potential, there are also technological similarities. There are similarities between computer code and genetic code. Both computers and biological things organise their crucial data in a similar ways. The binary code, a set of ones and zeros, is used to control computers. A quaternary code, which consists of four elements, is used by all living things. Instead of ones and zeros, a group of four molecules called adenine, thymine, guanine, and cytosine—commonly abbreviated A, T, G, and C by geneticists—convey the information. These four substances are joined together to produce genes, which, like computer code, carry the instructions that tell the cells whether you should be a lemming or a linebacker-sized person.In the middle of the 1970s, scientists discovered that they could change these four molecules to create new genes. Since the invention of recombinant DNA in 1974, even high school students have been able to cut and sew genes together. Both the advancement of this technology and the expansion of the biotech sector globally have been astounding.

Process Improvement or Growth

The volume of the product that the industry wishes to produce is the major factor in determining how to scale up a laboratory-size experiment or method into an industrial production process. To raise a small-scale experiment to the level of an enterprise, a predetermined set of processes must be used, depending on the nature of the microbiological or biochemical activity. The first significant fermentation method was created to supply the enormous demand for alcohol, acetone, glycerine, and butanol-based compounds during the First World War. Making explosives like cordite requires the use of acetone. The old technique of making acetone by distilling wood was unable to satisfy the demand. Dr. ChaimWeizman made the discovery of the bacteria Clostrudiumacetobutylicum at that time (1912). David Lloyd George, the then-British minister of armaments, got in touch with Dr. Weizmann and asked him to come up with a novel way to produce acetone. In order to produce acetone, Dr. Weizmann created a microbiological technique and set up many plants in nations such as India, the United States, and Canada. In 1917, the British government issued the Balfour statement in support of a national home for Jews in Palestine as payment for Weizmann's invaluable services. Dr. Weizmann received an invitation to serve as the country of Israel's first president in 1948. As a result, Israel and microbiology and fermentation are closely related.In general, a fermentor is anything that, as the name implies, ferments. Since ancient times, fermentation has mostly been used to turn the glucose present in a variety of fruits, seeds, and tubers into alcohol, which is then consumed by humans. With more modern understanding of bacteria and fungus, fermentors have been used in more fruitful ways.

Growing vast numbers of GE bacteria, yeast, plant, and animal cells is one of the most recent and scientific applications of fermentors in biotechnology. These bacteria will grow and multiply while expressing the inserted gene because they have had the genes that code for other proteins (such as human insulin) spliced into them. The required protein will thereafter be released into the growing medium and may then be collected, processed, sold, and utilised.

The fermentor's main goal is to provide microorganisms a stable, ideal habitat in which they may grow and accomplish anything they desire. It is a specialised container where all the

culture conditions that are ideal for growth and the synthesis of products may be continually maintained throughout the fermentation process under sterile circumstances. Fermentors are created specifically for industrial-scale fermentation used to create speciality compounds, hormones, antibiotics, and vaccines. But today, thanks to laboratory fermentors, which are also offered in a variety of volumes, fermentation research may be carried out in labs[11], [12].

CONCLUSION

Despite the fact that there is a gradation in complexity from one life-form to another, all lifeforms, from a virus to a person, are very complicated in their structure and functioning. All of these lifeforms follow the basic rules of physics and chemistry in their growth and development, despite their complicated structural makeup and the hundreds of biochemical interactions they entail. They abide by the principles of thermodynamics, conservation of matter, mass action, and other related laws. An organism uses substrate or food items as a source of energy and matter while it is growing. It will either be secreted as products or metabolised in the body and absorbed into the cells and tissues. The body will utilise the energy of the substrate or food source to build itself up or to produce the product that is a result of its metabolic processes in order to preserve its existence. The production of products at a certain set of physical, chemical, and biological circumstances is exactly proportional to the substrate consumption, as can be shown if we concentrate primarily on the consumption of specific compounds and the products that are formed by organisms.

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CHAPTER 2
QUALITY CONTROL IN MANUFACTURING

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ABSTRACT:
Selling biotechnology-related products and developments is different from selling more conventional goods and services. Marketing a product that consumers are acquainted with is extremely different from marketing a product that they are not. The standard marketing requirements also affect the marketing of biotechnology goods. It's quite challenging to launch a new product, especially one as unorthodox as contemporary biotechnology. The process of conceptualizing, pricing, promoting, and disseminating ideas, products, and services to generate exchanges that meet both individual and organizational goals is known as marketing. Less than 4% of global pharmaceutical sales in 1995 went to drugs made using recombinant DNA-based methods, with sales of these goods approaching $8 billion. Only in the late 1980s did items using modern biotechnology begin to hit the market. Today, both domestic and foreign markets provide a wide variety of advanced biotechnology items.

KEYWORDS:
Biotechnology, Function, Manufacturing, Product, Safety.

INTRODUCTION

The item has to be checked for its: Biological function, its purity, chemical and physical characteristics, and lastly Stability and shelf life. The primary considerations to be made in order to properly implement quality control in a manufacturing unit are as follows. The manufacturing method should be standardized, and it should have a research laboratory's approval. Enough skilled laborers to manufacture, sample, examine, and test the materials at each level of the process, including raw materials, intermediate products, and finished goods. Appropriate labelling and packaging, which contains details about the item and handling techniques. Samples should be collected in a legal way to evaluate its attributes. Records of the sampling, inspection, and testing methods should be kept up to date and made accessible for examination. The finished product must include active chemicals that adhere to the formulation's specified qualitative and quantitative makeup. Before being made available for purchase, the items should be certified by an authorized committee or by a trained individual. Starting materials, intermediary products, and finished goods should all be saved in sufficient quantities in case more testing becomes necessary. The correct kind of packing materials would protect the goods from any deterioration or modification. On the label, it should be noted how physical factors affect the product's characteristic[1], [2].

Product Safety

Governments in every nation create regulations based on international standards to guarantee the safety of both the final product and the individuals conducting genetic engineering studies. When the first DNA tests were conducted, scientists themselves put a ban on more genetic testing until appropriate regulations were established. The primary points of the 1975 Asilomar Conference on Recombinant DNA's recommendations are as follows: To prevent the escape of the recombinant organisms, recombinant DNA studies should be conducted in a

laminar flow chamber maintained in a clean environment. The host organism used for gene or rDNA cloning should be specifically created for such investigations. The recombinant DNA molecule will be lost, even if the organisms manage to leave the lab. As a result, specific safe vectors that may be utilised for rDNA experiments without worry were created. Additionally, non-pathogenic E. coli that were created as host cells for DNA investigations exist. The majority of the time, therapeutic proteins like hormones, enzymes, and vaccinations are the end result of contemporary biotechnology. The proteins intended for use as pharmaceuticals must adhere to all safety standards and laws set out by the relevant regulatory bodies. Regarding the data for investigations using animal models, individuals who are near death or who are not near death, and independent clinical trials by different organisations, they are highly tight. If a transgenic organism is introduced into the environment, its environmental effect should be monitored in addition to the usual safety standards. Drugs made using the DNA technique must undergo at least three stages of clinical testing.

Phase I: Selected patients are subjected to a comprehensive examination of the side effects and patient dosage tolerance during this initial stage of the trial.

Phase II: The second phase optimises the usage of the medicine by gathering information from pharmacological, pharmacokinetic, metabolic, and toxicological investigations on a chosen number of patients.

Phase III: In this last stage, research is concentrated on how safe the medications are. These studies evaluate the medicine's side effects, if any, in addition to how well it works as a drug. The interactions with other pharmaceuticals are also looked into in terms of dose range.

Whether it is a medication or a food ingredient, a new biotechnology product must undergo trial tests before the regulatory bodies may approve or issue a licence for its mass manufacturing and sale.

Gmps, Or Good Manufacturing Practices

Good manufacturing practises (GMP) are required across all sectors. Actually, quality assurance is a component of it. Since the majority of biotechnology products are directly consumed by humans, it is crucial to adhere strictly to these two production processes. A good manufacturing practise adheres to set standards, which includes the process for creating a specific product that is meant for a given application. It should adhere to a well defined production process and have access to all required facilities. This comprises the area, a suitable structure or location, tools and equipment, as well as the infrastructure required for the regular sourcing of raw materials, storage, and product transportation. To carry out all operations quickly and properly and to maintain records of the production processes, trained personnel is a crucial GMP necessity. Finally, the product's quality will be affected by GMP. The right kind of raw materials are used, and their quality, quantity, and other factors influence the final product's quality. Therefore, it is crucial to keep an eye on the manufacturing process at each of its many stages to guarantee the high quality of the final product[3], [4].

DISCUSSION

The manufacturing facility should be located in a secure enclosure. It should be shielded against pests, animals, and the movement of foreign objects from outside the structure or from one area of the structure to another. To fit the industrial equipment needed, the structure should be exceedingly sturdy. It should satisfy all the requirements and have adequate room,

ventilation, and equipment to handle any emergency event, such a fire.The structure must be built to protect the equipment, raw materials, and finished goods from contamination. It is important to regulate temperature and humidity to safeguard both raw materials and finished goods. There have to be hygienic procedures in place. Separating the restrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, etc. from the production areas is a good idea. Sterility and cleanliness should be well-maintained in the manufacturing area. To reduce contamination, the flow of employees in the production area has to be managed[3], [4].

The complex instruments and analytical equipment should be kept in good condition and shielded from shocks, vibrations, electrical impacts, moisture, heat, and other hazards. If at all feasible, separate rooms need to be offered in such circumstances. Utilities and support systems, such as sterile water, compressed gas, nitrogen and liquid nitrogen, etc., should be quickly delivered and of a standard quality. Product distribution and storage should be well-planned. To avoid product contamination and mixing, a storage and packaging facility must be kept in good condition. To do all of this, the plant and its surroundings must be kept in excellent functioning condition.

Glps, Or Good Laboratory Practices

Some fundamental rules and requirements must be adhered to by labs while conducting research projects and experiments, including trial studies. Establishments that manufacture things are likewise subject to this. To protect the environment, the general public, and the researcher, these rules are essential. Additionally, it is essential to the experiments' success.

The four parts of good laboratory practices (GLP) are as follows:

1.Management: The administrative body in charge of coordinating the implementation and oversight of the work of many committees and organisations to keep an eye on moral and health-related matters.

2.A committee or internal organisation known as quality assurance oversees how GLP is used inside the laboratory. Examples include the committees on bioethics, animal ethics, and biosafety.

3.Study Director: The one in charge of overseeing the safety and study committees.

4.National Compliance Monitoring Authority: This organization's approval of a safety investigation into a new biotechnology product's impact on the environment and public health is required for both worldwide recognition and reciprocal acceptance. The National Compliance Monitoring Institution is given a framework or guideline by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) addressing GLP for product development and marketing.

Any product must undergo mandatory testing before it is put on the market for human consumption, and this testing must follow GLP linked to the product's development and the safety of its health and environment. A national regulatory body will evaluate the research and its findings in order to provide a license or register a product. These guidelines for the trial research may stop scientific fraud and misconduct, which might endanger human and environmental safety[5], [6].

Good Laboratory Practice

To achieve the highest level of safety, a laboratory has a set of rules that must be observed. Every individual has a duty to ensure their own health and safety, as well as the health and

safety of any other people who may be impacted. Students must rigorously adhere to the safety recommendations since all labs have a chance of becoming hazardous. The use of food and beverages should never be allowed in lab spaces. Every time they are in the lab, students are encouraged to wear lab coats while instructed to do so by a teacher or supervisor, use personal protection equipment (gloves, goggles, etc.) and fume cupboards while working with hazardous items such radioactive substances, pathogenic organisms, or UV radiation.When working with unfamiliar equipment, read the handbook carefully, ask a supervisor or a technician for assistance, or both. Watch out for any warnings or instructions that are labelled on the equipment. Students should design their experiments such that they may be completed during regular business hours. Don't work alone. Keep your work inside the designated bench area. Do not leave equipment in an untidy condition, including pH metres, laminar flow cabinets, fume closets, etc. After usage, thoroughly clean all tools, including balances[7], [8].

Use transfer pipettes or filling devices instead of mouth pipets (rubber bulbs, Pi-pumps). After usage, rinse empty glassware well and take it to the appropriate area for cleaning. Pay close attention to the removal and correct disposal of caustic or hazardous substances, plant material, microbiological cultures, soil, agar, etc. Ensure that all chemicals and media have distinct labels on them. Spills should be cleaned up right away using the proper technique. For instance, use a cloth or paper towel to clean up any moisture. Try not to use pipettes or other devices to suck them up. Strong acids or alkalis should be neutralized with water before being mopped up. Solid chemicals should be cleaned using a moist cloth or paper towel. Never blow or brush the solid chemicals or other dusty spills. The danger posed by hazardous materials will only rise as a result. Paper towels used to wipe up chemical spills shouldn't be placed in waste paper bins since the cleaning personnel could come into touch with the dangerous chemicals inside. Use black trash bags to dispose of this debris. To record methods, data, findings, observations, etc., students will need to maintain a lab notebook. Keep your notes organized since you'll want to refer to them in the future.

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Proteins tend to be injected since they are inconsistently digested or become inactive when ingested. Proteins are often insecure and erratic. The majority of proteins have a brief plasma life after injection. Future markets may see the introduction of technology like self-regulating implants, artificial pancreases containing monoclonal insulin-producing cells, and nasal

sprays or pills that release insulin. On a single refill, protein medication dosages might be delivered in very tiny, regulated delivery systems over the course of days, months, or even years. When a medicine is targeted, it only reaches infected cells and not the rest of the body's circulation. Better targeting and tissue-selective delivery systems will result from the use of liposomes as drug delivery systems or as vehicles to transport hazardous solutions, as well as from the labelling of liposomes with antibodies or surface-reactive chemicals. Biotechnology-based innovations in medication manufacture may lower the cost of manufacturing medicines and other goods, making it more consumer-friendly[9], [10].

Worldwide Scenario

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The sector has its own tactics for entering and outpacing the market. Future commercial success of protein-based pharmaceuticals and other biotechnology goods depends on customer acceptance of new technologies. The following are some of the causes: Proteins tend to be injected since they are often unstable and reactive, irregularly absorbed, or inactivated when eaten, and most proteins have a brief plasma life following injection. Future markets may see the introduction of technology like self-regulating implants, artificial pancreases containing monoclonal insulin-producing cells, and nasal sprays or pills that release insulin. On a single refill, protein medication dosages might be delivered in very tiny, regulated delivery systems over the course of days, months, or even years. When a medicine is targeted, it only reaches infected cells and not the rest of the body's circulation. Better targeting and tissue-selective delivery systems will result from the use of liposomes as drug delivery systems or as vehicles to transport hazardous solutions, as well as from the labelling of liposomes with antibodies or surface-reactive chemicals. Biotechnology-based innovations in medication manufacture

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CONCLUSION

Selling biotechnology-related products and developments is different from selling more conventional goods and services. Marketing a product that consumers are acquainted with is extremely different from marketing a product that they are not. The standard marketing requirements also affect the marketing of biotechnology goods. It's quite challenging to launch a new product, especially one as unorthodox as contemporary biotechnology. The process of conceptualizing, pricing, promoting, and disseminating ideas, products, and services to generate exchanges that meet both individual and organizational goals is known as marketing.Less than 4% of global pharmaceutical sales in 1995 went to drugs made using recombinant DNA-based methods, with sales of these goods approaching $8 billion. Only in the late 1980s did items using modern biotechnology begin to hit the market. Today, both domestic and foreign markets provide a wide variety of advanced biotechnology items.

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CHAPTER 3
FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING

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ABSTRACT:
We are all aware of the prospects provided by molecular biology advancements. Living cells and their constituent parts may be utilized to create a wide range of beneficial chemicals, including medicines and other goods. But molecular biology requires the help of biochemical engineering to be successful as a business venture. Biochemical engineering is a crucial field of biotechnology that deals with the industrial scale practical use of biological agents (whole cell systems and biocatalysts) and the approaches and procedures connected with it. A variety of biotechnology fields, including biochemical processes, enzyme technology, environmental biotechnology, microbial manipulations, bioseparation technology, plant and animal cell cultures, and food technology, may benefit from biochemical engineering. It entails the creation of novel processing technologies, the design of bioreactors, and the creation of effective and financially viable extraction and purification techniques (downstream processing).

KEYWORDS:
Biochemical, Data, Engineering, Measurement,Variables.

INTRODUCTION

Developing a bioprocess technology to fully use the potential of the biological system requires a thorough grasp of the behavior of biological agents—living cells or their components—as well as skill in the principles of biochemical engineering. Thus, biochemical engineering is crucial in converting a biological laboratory experiment into an industrial process that can be sustained financially. Living cells are very delicate and need a highly particular sort of chemical and physical environment, including dietary requirements, pH, and temperature, which makes handling them in the creation of bioprocesses quite challenging. It's possible that the cell-produced item won't be released into the medium. In such circumstances, the products must be extracted by rupturing the cells. Most of the time, the product may be coupled with other cellular products that are identical to it, from which the genuine product must be cheaply isolated and purified[1], [2].

The following are the main issues in developing a bioprocess technology that is cost-effective: The low substrate concentration in the culture medium. The reaction must be carried out at the right temperature and pH to promote culture development and the production of the most product possible. The bioreactor's pressure increased as a result of the gas that the expanding cells were producing. There are several issues that might occur when a laboratory technique is scaled up to an industrial operation. For the technology to be successful, these issues must be effectively resolved. Operating concerns for bioreactors for various cell cultures, as well as suspension and immobilized cell cultures of plants, animals, microorganisms, and genetically modified organisms, are some of the key study topics in biochemical engineering.

Bioreactor (fermenter) selection, scalability, operation, and control. Processes for recovering and purifying goods. Applications of bioprocess engineering in medicine.A blend of civilizations.Microbial growth stoichiometry and product production.Engineering of metabolic pathways.

Innovative solutions for less expensive and more sustainable energy and chemical feedstock alternatives are among the applications of biochemical engineering. There are also new biochemical engineering methods for efficient pollution management[3], [4].

THE pH CONCEPT

The pH of cellular fluids has a significant impact on the metabolic events required for life. The chemical makeup of pH, its measurement, and its biological significance are covered in this section of the chapter. The chemical environment, including the medium's acidic or basic character, has a significant impact on biomolecules like proteins in terms of both their structure and function. The pH level of the biological medium also regulates the many biochemical processes that take place in a living organism. Understanding pH and buffer requires knowledge of the chemistry of acid-base reactions as well as water dissociation.

Characteristics of Acids and Bases in General

Acids, such as vinegar, which is a diluted solution of acetic acid, are often a family of chemicals that taste sour (but do not use this approach to identify a component). Bases, or alkaline compounds, are distinguished by their acrid flavor and slick texture. Svante Arrhenius provided the first accurate definition of an acid and a base, which is known as the Arrhenius Theory.

Arrhenius Principle

In the 1830s, it was understood that although not all substances containing hydrogen are acids, all acids do include hydrogen. Svante Arrhenius, a Swedish scientist, developed buffers in 1889. The proton concentration ([H+]) or pH of an aqueous solution is one of the most crucial factors in every biological system. Even though the [H+] is very low—typically between 10-6 and 10-8 M—it must be kept in this range in order for life to survive. An aqueous solution may be referred to be a buffer if it can keep its pH level relatively constant. A buffer is a mixture of a weak acid or base and its matching salt that maintains pH stability in a variety of environments. Strong acids and bases like HCl and NaOH totally dissociate in solution, while weak acids and bases only partially do so. The weak acid or base and its dissociated salts are in balance. A rise in the concentration of either the reactant or the product, according to the law of mass action, drives the reaction in the opposite direction and preserves the initial equilibrium. A weak acid and an acid salt (conjugate base) are both components of an acidic buffer (pH lower than 7). A weak base and its conjugate acid (base's salt) are both components of a basic buffer[5], [6].

DISCUSSION

Physical variables:

In the lab, scientists measure a wide variety of things. Many observations are quantitative, even if many are qualitative—what color, what mood, etc.). Titrations, measuring the mass of a reactant or the volume of a liquid, and other more complex measurements call for careful value determination and must be reported with the correct unit. For other chemists who want to reproduce an experiment, the magnitude of the number and the unit must both be specified.

The physical variables are the sizes of these quantifiable observations.Two categories of quantifiable physical variables or observations may be made. Natural variables as well as significant variables.

Variables that are significant:

These variables have a unit. They are evaluated in comparison to an exact physical standard. These benchmarks are known as units. Mass, length, volume, duration, viscosity, heat, temperature, and other examples are examples of major variables.

Natural variables:

These are dimensionally-free integers or sets of numbers. They may express their measurement without the need of any units. The refractive index, particular gravity, specific viscosity, and other terms are examples of unit less variables. Some scientific phenomena, like the Reynolds number, do not have any units. Fluid mechanics uses the Reynolds number (Re), a dimensionless quantity, to describe the characteristics of fluid flow via pipes and tunnels. The Reynolds number, which is dependent on the pipe's shape as well as the fluid's velocity, viscosity, and density, may be used to describe the transition from laminar to turbulent flow.

Dimensions and units:

Fundamental quantities and derived quantities are the two types of physical variables that we employ in physics and chemistry. Fundamental amounts, dimensions, or basic quantities are a few physical variables that serve as the foundation for all measures and quantities. Base units are the units used to express them. The basic quantities are multiplied and/or divided to create all other quantities. They likewise get their units of expression from basic units. These units are referred to as derived units, and the sum of their basic quantities make up their dimensions.

For instance, basic quantities or fundamental quantities are used to produce measures like area, volume, velocity, etc. Physical variables are measured in accordance with predetermined benchmarks called units. The dimensions or basic quantities are expressed in base units, and the derived units are those that are derived from the base or fundamental units. The MKS, CGS, SI, and FPS units are only a few examples of the many unit systems. One system's units may be changed into another system's units. The officially recognized system, known as SI units, is extensively used. In science and engineering, metric units are divided into two groups. The CGS system is one cluster that is based on the centimeter, gram, and second. The MKS system is the alternative, which is based on the meter, kilogram, and second. Similar to this, the FPS system is an outdated British system that employs the fundamental units of foot, pound, and second.

S.I. Unit

The International System of Units is supported by a network of international agreements that connect all weights and measuring systems, metric and non-metric. Using the first two letters of its French name, Le Système International d'Unités, the International System is referred to as the SI. Although the quantity of actual use varies greatly, it was first used in October 1960 and has since been formally recognised and embraced by almost every nation. It is based on seven fundamental units: length, mass, time, temperature, quantity of material, electric current, and luminous intensity, one in each of these seven categories.

The International System of Units (SI) is maintained by a small organization in Paris called the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM, or Bureau International des Poids et Mesures), and it is updated every few years by a global conference called the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM, or ConférenceGénérale des Poids et Mesures), which is attended by representatives of all the industrialized nations and international scientific and engineering organizations.

Generated from SI

These basic units are used to define other SI units, known as SI-derived units, algebraically. As an example, the definition of the newton, the SI unit of force, is the force required to accelerate a mass of one kilograms at a speed of one meter per second. As a result, the newton has the value of one kilograms per square meter per second, or N = kg•m•s-2. There are now SI-derived units. They include: the radian and steroidal for solid and plane angles, respectively; the newton for force and the Pascal for pressure; the joule for energy and the watt for power; the degree Celsius for commonly used measurements of temperature; the coulomb, volt, farad, ohm, and Siemens for measurements of electricity; and the weber, tesla, and Siemens for measurements of magnetism[7], [8].

Methods of Measurement

In order to create a bioprocess in biotechnology, common physical variables with or without units must be quantitatively analyzed. For purposes of further analysis and comprehension, the magnitude of these variables should be stated using the appropriate conventions. It describes the measurement and analysis settings and is crucial, particularly for comparing magnitudes. For instance, temperature is usually used to represent the magnitude of significant variables like density and pressure. Consider the examples of specific gravity and density. Specific gravity is the ratio of a material's density to that of water, while density is defined as mass per volume at a constant temperature. It is a dimensionless variable as a result. The temperature of the substance and its reference material are always provided together with the specific gravity, which is the relative density. The symbol for ethanol's specific gravity is 0.78920C. In comparison to water at 4°C, it indicates that ethanol has a specific gravity of 0.789 at 20°C. We can quickly determine that the density of ethanol is 0.789 g.cm-3 since the density of water at 4 °C is precisely 1.000 g.cm-3.

Data on Physical and Chemistry Properties

Understanding the characteristics of the subject matter being investigated is a need for all scientific study. In the case of engineering studies for process development, properties pertaining to the physical and chemical data are crucial. Books are now accessible that provide the fundamental and important physical and chemical information on elements and compounds. Therefore, in all trials, the time-consuming measurements of such data may be avoided. The following are a few highly significant chemical, physical, and engineering handbooks: Both the Handbook of Chemistry and Physical Properties and the Handbook of Chemistry. Handbook of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology[9], [10].

Stoichiometric Calculations

The biological processes, or biochemical reactions, occurring within the cells of living things provide the basis for biotechnology. Atoms and molecules rearrange to produce new groups and molecules during chemical and biological processes. Reactants are the groups of molecules or atoms that undergo rearrangements, while products are the new sorts of

molecules and groups that result from rearrangements. Stoichiometric calculations are used to determine the mass and molar relationships (the number of molecules consumed and the number of new molecules generated) in a chemical or biological process. The proper molecular and atomic weights of the reactants and products, together with the molecular equations of the reactions, may be used to do the stoichiometric calculations.

Data and Calculation Errors

Measurement mistakes are common. Therefore, this measurement error must be taken into account in all data analysis approaches. Sometimes it is impossible to prevent experimental mistakes while obtaining measurements, and precision may play a role. Think about the measurement of length, for instance. A table should have a length of 5 meters. In this case, we are really contrasting the length of the table with a 1 meter standard. There is always some doubt about the correctness of this comparison. It is based on how accurate the scale was that you used to measure the length. The measurement is not correct if the length is between 5 and 6 and there are no subdivisions of meters noted on the scale that was used. Use a scale where the meter is split into centimeters so that the length of the table may be measured with centimeter-level precision, such as 5 meters and 3 centimeters, to get a more precise measurement. There are always variable degrees of mistakes in numbers that are determined experimentally. Calculations regarding the trustworthiness of the conclusions made from this data must take experimental mistakes into account. In order to avoid misleading and confusing interpretations of the data, it is crucial for all disciplines to minimize mistakes by using precise measurement scales, estimate errors, and understand the principles of error propagation in computations.

Absolute and Relative Un-expectation

Uncertainty in the final results is always a result of experimental and measurement mistakes. The important figures criteria may be used to overcome this issue. With this method, we define the range of error that each of the provided values is susceptible to. Within this margin of error, each reading will be erratic. Absolute error is the name given to this error value. Relative error is the phrase used when the same mistake is expressed as a percentage[11], [12].

Types of Mistakes

Systemic mistakes and random errors are the two basic categories into which experimental errors may be divided. A systemic mistake is one that has the same impact on all measures. The majority of the time, this mistake's origin is recognized, and by adding a correction factor, the error may be reduced. For instance, a watch that displays a +5 minute inaccuracy (five minutes fast). In this instance, we may subtract five minutes from the clock's displayed time to get the right time. If the reality is known, a balance that displays a -0.5 gm mistake may be efficiently corrected. A random mistake or unintentional error is one that happens for unclear causes. Repeating the studies in the exact same manner allows for the detection of this kind of inaccuracy. Random mistakes are present if different experimental values or outcomes are obtained after repeating the experiment under the same circumstances. By using statistical analytic techniques, these mistakes may be measured and reduced. An experiment's findings or data should be trustworthy and repeatable. The dependability and repeatability of outcomes are referred to by the word precision. It also shows the degree to which random mistakes are absent from the data. Additionally, we use the word accuracy to describe the caliber of the data. We consider data to be reliable when both systematic and random

mistakes are kept to a minimum, or when they are almost nonexistent and the outcomes are repeatable.

Data Types and Measurement Levels

There are two forms of data both quantitative and qualitative data. Data like color, size, or any other characteristic of a population that cannot be calculated using mathematical relations is referred to as qualitative data. They serve as indicators of a person, a process, or the group or class to which they belong. Categorical variables are what they are termed. The measurements that make up quantitative data take the shape of numerical values. This form of data is the only one for which the statistical analysis is appropriate. Discrete or continuous data may be found in quantitative data. Countable data are discrete data. For instance, the proportion of immature grapes in a box or basket of fruits. Continuous data is defined as data that has quantifiable properties and is represented on a continuous scale. Taking the weight of the tissues utilized in an experiment as an example. Several phases are involved in statistical analysis of data. In statistical analysis, measurement or counting comes first. The data and reality are connected by this measurement or counting. A collection of data is a depiction of reality on a numerical or quantifiable scale. Data is classified as main type if the analyst participated in its collection; otherwise, it is classified as secondary type. Data may have any of the following formats, whether it is discrete or continuous: NOIR stands for Nominal, Ordinal, Interval and Ratio.

The Methodology of Statistics

In order to gather, analyses, present, and evaluate data in order to draw a conclusion regarding the issue, statistical techniques are utilized. They are presently used in a broad range of professions to address several challenging experimental issues. Decision-makers, managers, and administrators in politics, commerce, and economics may make better and more accurate judgments concerning ambiguous situations by using statistical analysis techniques. The development of computer technology and software has considerably streamlined statistical analysis, and the economic, sociopolitical, and technological contexts of today have access to a wealth of statistical data. The analysis of statistical data has benefited greatly from recent advances in software engineering. There are software programmer that handle a lot of data quite well. They are perfect for systematically processing a variety of data kinds, from tiny to very detailed forms. Despite the fact that computers help with statistical analysis, the analysis primarily relies on its capacity to produce accurate forecasts and conclusions. Four fundamental phases are involved in statistical analysis of a data set: Problem definition (understanding); data gathering or compilation; data analysis; and final evaluation and reporting of outcomes.

Reporting the findings:

The outcomes are then presented in an appropriate format, such as tables, graphs, or a list of percentages. The findings should include probability assertions, ranges of values, and errors to highlight the uncertainty condition because only a small collection or sample has been evaluated, not the full population.

CONCLUSION

Identifying the issue it is necessary to have a thorough understanding of the issue. In order to get the precise kind of data for analysis, the issue must be defined correctly gathering data must be gathered from a particular demographic or group. As a result, it's important to

specify the population from whom we are aiming to draw conclusions. The exact gathering of data requires sampling and experimental design. Even if advances in computational statistics have made the process of data collecting simpler, designing the techniques to gather data remains a crucial component of statistical methods of data analysis. The population and sample definitions are two crucial steps in statistical analysis. A population is a collection of all the variables that make up an experiment or research. A sample is a subset of a population. In statistics, we first extend the conclusion to the whole population from a small, well defined population. In mathematics, this is referred to as inductive reasoning. Its major objective is to test a population-related hypothesis. The data in a sample is used to draw conclusions about the population examining the information Data is categorized, and then appropriately analyzed to transform it into outcomes.

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CHAPTER 4
FLUID FLOW AND MIXING

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ABSTRACT:
The homogeneity of the physical and chemical properties of the reactants as well as the reaction conditions in the bioreactor are maintained by properly mixing the reactants. It offers a consistent biological habitat that is appropriate. The bioprocess must be carried out at the appropriate physiological temperature and pH ranges that enable the fastest possible reaction time and the highest possible output of the final product. In order to boost the response rate, cell growth and biomass creation depend on a steady supply of oxygen. Therefore, maintaining homogenous chemical and physical conditions in the bioreactor depends heavily on fluid mixing.The media used in the fermentation process might be non-Newtonian fluids like semisolid media used to produce specific enzymes and antibiotics like penicillin, or Newtonian fluids like bacterial broth media. In large-scale fermentation operations, the fluidity and viscosity of the culture medium are significant factors that may obstruct mass transfer in terms of nutrient mixing, oxygen delivery, and marinating at the right temperature and pH.

KEYWORDS:
Growth,Phase, Product, Reactors, Temperature.

INTRODUCTION

Depending on the fluid's viscosity, several kinds of fluid-mixing equipment are used in fermenters to ensure correct mixing of the media's components. In bioreactors, several mixing configurations exist. There are several varieties of fermenters, including stirred tank reactors, air-lift reactors, and bubble-column reactors for aerobic fermentations, depending on the type of mixing devices used.

Mass Transfer

The transport of oxygen from the bulk gas into the cells is referred to as mass transfer. One of the rate-limiting phases in large-scale fermentation is the transfer of oxygen from the gas phase to the liquid phase via a gas/liquid layer. Numerous variables affect the oxygen transfer rate (OTR). The OTR of a reaction system may be enhanced and maintained using some of the ways listed below for smooth operation and greater product production.Increased pressure, O2 enrichment of the incoming air, increased agitation, increased airflow rate, decreased foaming, and removal of bubbles are all possible outcomes[1], [2].

Heat Transfer

A biochemical reaction's overall performance in a bioprocess may also be significantly impacted by heat transfer. In a fermenter, the reaction may be either exothermic or endothermic. Therefore, precise temperature control is required for the majority of fermenters. The agitation and respiration of the developing organisms, as well as the exothermic reaction, may all raise the temperature of the fermenter. The target temperature may be computed after the specifics of the heat transfer—the development of heat by

fermentation and heat created owing to agitation and aeration—are understood. Heating and cooling equipment may be configured to deliver the ideal temperature required for the process's smooth functioning based on the total heat produced during fermentation. The bioreactor's temperature may be protected extremely effectively by a well-designed jacket around it and by the movement of steam, hot water, or cooled water. This facility may also be utilized for autoclaving and cleaning the fermenter after the procedure, as well as sterilizing the media and fermenter before beginning the process[3], [4].

Designing Bioreactors

The design of a bioreactor is influenced by a variety of variables, including the kind of cells used, the specifics of the metabolic response, knowledge of mass and heat transfer, fluid mixing, etc.

Various Bioreactor Types

Different categories exist for bioreactors and fermenters. The kind of biological agent, the type of metabolism or product generation, the method of operation, and another classification based on the manner of stirring or mixing are a few examples of classifications. The kind of biological agent that was utilised determines the first categorization. There are two kinds: enzyme (cell-free) reactors and microbial fermenters [5], [6].

On the basis of additional process needs, further categorisation is feasible. For instance, bioreactors may be created for several types of fermentation, such as surface or submerged fermentation, or aerobic and anaerobic fermentation. There are three different kinds of bioreactors, depending on the type of metabolism:

Production of primary metabolites is

Type 1. Production that is connected to growth, like ethanol production.

Type 2: Excess primary metabolite production. The final result (and not the pathway's end product) might be an intermediate. When producing things like citric acid or amino acids, one can tell the difference between the production phase and the growth phase.

Type 3: Production not connected to growth. In contrast to the formation of secondary metabolites like antibiotics, the product has no connection to catabolism or energy metabolism. There are several stages of manufacturing and development. When the primary carbon source is used up, production may not start until a secondary carbon source is utilised.

The manner of operation is a further factor in classification. Reactors may be of two different types:

No interchange of the liquid medium occurs in batch mode. Culture grows out of control after the addition of inoculum until a certain amount of nutrition is used up. Setting this up is simple.

Fed-batch:

Media additions on demand. It is possible to continually feed certain medium components without removing anything. As a result, response volume will rise. To reduce byproduct generation, the substrate concentration must be maintained low at first. The feed rate may need to be raised in line with an increase in biomass. This necessitates the development of a feeding plan based on a set rate or a feedback control.The mixing process has been taken into

account in another form of categorization. Proper mass transfer and heat transmission are made possible by the sort of mixing that is offered in the fermentor. The development and metabolism of the cells shouldn't be adversely affected by the mixing process. For instance, compared to bacterial cells, plant, animal, and hybridoma cells develop slower and are more delicate, therefore they need less oxygen for metabolism and growth. The cells may be harmed by mechanical stirring. Mixing is also necessary to keep the distribution of nutrients and other elements in the medium consistent. The following are a few examples of bioreactors with various agitation or mixing mechanisms.

1. Stirred tank reactors: In these reactors, impellers stir the contents.

2. Bubble column reactors: Mixing is accomplished by constant-velocity air flow across the media.

3. Airlift Fermenters: Air circulation within the reactor forces nutrients to be mixed.

DISCUSSION

Microbial expansion Fermentation and Kinetics

Information on the kind of development and metabolism of the organism or cells is crucial for large-scale fermentation. Binary fission is often how bacteria proliferate (increase their biomass). Yeasts use budding to reproduce. In the case of yeast, fission, mycelial development, and branching are other possibilities. The microbial culture begins to grow upon injection. The microbe grows according to a normal pattern, as shown in Figure 2.4. A microbial batch culture goes through four different development stages. The growth cycle consists of the following phases: lag phase, exponential phase, logarithmic phase, stagnant phase, and death phase.

The lag phase is the time after cell inoculation in the growth medium during which there is no rise in the number of cells. This creates the conditions for cell growth and proliferation. The lag phase is the time frame in question. The inoculum's condition and development pattern affect how long the lag phase lasts. The lag phase is not a dormant time; rather, it is a highly busy time that serves to set up a quick development phase. The phase that comes after the lag phase is known as the log phase, also known as the exponential growth phase. The biomass, or number of cells, grows dramatically throughout this period. Multiple cell doubles occur while the culture's particular growth rate stays constant. Assuming that biomass availability determines growth rate. The still phase a stationary phase comes after the exponential or logarithmic phase of growth. The rate of cell growth and death is roughly equal during this stage. The stationary phase may be brought on by a buildup of hazardous byproducts or secondary metabolites, a depletion of a growth-restricting nutrient in the medium, or both. The culture ultimately enters the dying phase after passing through the stagnant period. In this situation, the cells are no longer viable, and the mortality rate has surpassed the growth rate. Cell lysis or other processes might be to blame for the harm to the cells[7], [8].

Temperature's Effect on Growth

The impact of temperature on an organism's growth is only one of several. The temperature affects the pace of growth because it regulates all metabolic processes in cells. Depending on the temperature at which they can grow most efficiently, microorganisms are divided into three types. As follows:

Around 15°C, psychrophiles = grow at a temperature of around 37 °C. Thermophiles are plants that thrive at or above 55°C.The ideal temperature range for each organism varies depending on the type or strains of the organisms as well as other growth circumstances. In the case of typical organisms, the capacity of an organism to utilise the carbon source for the formation of biomass is temperature-dependent and decreases with rise in temperature. In order to achieve the highest possible product output in the field of bioprocess technology, it is crucial to optimise the growth temperature for microbial cultures.

Choosing a growth medium

An essential phase in the fermentation process is the choosing of the media and the media's constituent parts. The growing medium has to be well-balanced and provided with all necessary nutrients in enough amounts. A proper carbon source, nitrogen source, minerals, and other crucial elements like vitamins and hormones should all be present in the medium in order to create the required quantity of biomass for the creation of the product. The stoichiometry of growth and product creation is used to determine the minimum quantities of nutrients. When choosing media components, one should use extreme caution. In this case, a lot of considerations need to be taken into account. The media's composition primarily aims to increase product yield. Its cost should be reasonable. Along with the development and metabolism of the organism or cells, the choice of medium also has an impact on the various phases of the fermentation process. It has an impact on both the fermentation's upstream and downstream processes. The upstream and downstream processes, for instance, may be greatly simplified by the use of straightforward and pure carbon sources like glucose. The procedure of purifying the product will be challenging if you use complicated combinations like molasses as the carbon source since they need particular pre-treatment in order for the microorganism to thrive in the medium[9], [10].

Therefore, the medium should be chosen and composed in a way that meets all of the criteria for accelerating growth and product production while also minimising or streamlining process activities. Particularly when cultivating plant cells, there may be two kinds of medium in certain circumstances of fermentation. The media that aid in cell development is known as a growth medium. Media used for product synthesis are called production media. The procedure is set up such that after the cells have amassed enough biomass in the growth medium, they are moved to the production medium and begin synthesising the end product.

Reactor Engineering

Pre-treatment, the upstream process, the bioprocess, or the biochemical process, and the downstream process are all included in reactor engineering. It is important to take great effort to reduce production costs while developing each of these bioprocess phases. A pre-treatment vessel makes up the equipment for upstream processing. The proper components must be added and mixed in the appropriate amount and volume in this vessel in order to produce the media for a certain volume, which will then be sterilised. The biological agent—living cells or immobilised enzymes—is used in the bioreactor or fermentor to carry out the precise biological process. The kind of cells, growth patterns, and metabolic processes determine the kind of bioreactor. Large bioreactors with substantial amounts of substrate and medium are required to conduct the bioreaction under regulated settings. The processes required for the product to be recovered in an efficient and cost-effective manner are included in downstream processing. It incorporates a variety of filtration, separation, and purification techniques. Large-scale fermentation and purification processes are often carried out in a step-by-step

manner. Figure 2.6 provides a diagrammatic illustration of the fermentation process' flowchart.

If the product is intracellular, the cells are taken out of the culture and disturbed using the appropriate technique. The product is then separated from the mixture using a variety of separation techniques as part of downstream processing. The structure and various stages of downstream processing heavily rely on the kind of product, its nature, and the media's constituent parts. The design and operation of all three crucial steps—upstream processing, bioreactor operations, and downstream processing—must be integrated for the bioprocess technology to be effective and efficient in the economical manufacture of a biochemical.

Reactor engineering is a broad topic that is essential to many sectors of the economy, including the production of petrochemicals, chemical processing, and nuclear power. Reactor design, analysis, and operation are all involved in enabling regulated chemical processes or using nuclear energy for electricity generation. In 2000 words, this article presents a thorough introduction of reactor engineering, including its historical background, different reactor designs, important concepts, and potential future applications[11], [12].

Historical Background:

The development of reactor engineering may be traced back to early civilizations. However, significant historical events are responsible for its contemporary incarnation:

Early Experiments:

The first reactor engineering experiments were carried out by alchemists in ancient Greece and China. In order to prepare for controlled reactions, these studies entailed heating different materials and measuring chemical changes.

Industrial Revolution:

The invention of chemical reactors used in the manufacture of chemicals, such as ammonia and sulfuric acid, was a result of considerable improvements in industrial processes throughout the 18th and 19th centuries.

Nuclear Age:

With the development of nuclear science, the 20th century saw a turning point. Modern nuclear reactor engineering began with Enrico Fermi's successful development of the first nuclear reactor during the Manhattan Project in 1942.

Reactor engineering includes a variety of reactor types, each of which is suited to a particular use. The following are the main divisions:

a. **Pressurized water reactors (PWRs)**

Employ pressurised water as both a moderator and a coolant to regulate nuclear reactions. In commercial nuclear power plants, they are common.

b. **Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs):**

BWRs use water as a moderator and coolant as well, but the water boils within the reactor core, creating steam that powers turbines.

c. **Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs):**

FBRs maintain nuclear fission by using fast neutrons and a liquid metal coolant like sodium, and they generate more fissile material than they need. They have the capacity to use nuclear fuel effectively.

a.**Chemical reactors come in two basic varieties:**

Batch reactors and continuous reactors. In a batch reactor, reactants are loaded, the reaction takes place, and the product is collected once the reaction is finished.

b. **Continuous Flow Reactors:**

With a continuous flow of reactants and products, these reactors are ideal for large-scale chemical manufacturing, such as that seen in the petrochemical sector.

c. **Plug Flow Reactors:**

Also referred to as tubular reactors, these apparatuses let reactants to flow via a tubular framework, resulting in effective mixing and little back-mixing.

d. **Stirred Tank Reactors:**

These reactors thoroughly mix the reactants using mechanical agitation, making them suitable for a variety of chemical reactions.

Important Reactor Engineering Principles:

Several key ideas are necessary for effective reactor engineering:

Reactor design requires an understanding of reaction kinetics, or the rate at which chemical reactions take place. The connection between reactant concentrations, temperature, and reaction rate is referred to as reaction kinetics.

Mass and Energy Balances:

It's crucial to keep the mass and energy of a reactor in balance. While energy balances guarantee that the system's temperature and pressure stay within acceptable bounds, mass balances ensure that all reactants and products are taken into consideration.

Heat transmission:

Reactor temperature regulation depends on effective heat transmission. Radiation, convection, and conduction are a few of the techniques used to control heat within a reactor. Reactor engineers must put safety first in order to avoid mishaps like chemical spills or nuclear meltdowns. This comprises risk-intensive risk assessment, safety systems, and emergency shutdown protocols. Designing a reactor entails choosing components, dimensions, and layouts that maximize the intended reaction. Reactor type, size, and form are important considerations. Reactor engineering has applications in a variety of sectors

Nuclear Power Generation:

A large amount of the world's power is produced by nuclear reactors. Although they provide clean, low-carbon energy, they need strict safety protocols and waste control.

Chemical Industry:

The manufacture of several chemicals, such as fertilisers, polymers, and medicines, depends on chemical reactors. Processes that are efficient and economical are guaranteed by reactor engineering. Petroleum-based goods including petrol, plastics, and synthetic fibres are refined using petrochemical reactors, which are crucial in this industry.

Environmental Remediation:

The use of catalytic converters in cars to cut emissions is one example of how reactor engineering is used in environmental cleaning. Reactors are essential instruments for scientists working in the fields of chemistry, materials science, and nuclear physics because they allow for the synthesis of novel chemicals and the investigation of basic mechanisms.

Innovations and problems:

As reactor engineering develops, it encounters a number of innovations and problems, including:

Security:

Maintaining nuclear reactors' safety and security is still of utmost importance. There are continual improvements to safety procedures, control systems, and materials.

Sustainability:

Research into advanced reactor designs, such as thorium-based reactors and small modular reactors (SMRs), which provide increased safety and efficiency, has been stimulated by the hunt for sustainable energy sources.

Waste Management:

Finding efficient ways to dispose of nuclear and chemical waste is a critical concern. Technologies for recycling and reprocessing are being investigated to reduce waste production and environmental effect.

Green Chemistry:

In order to reduce waste, energy use, and environmental effect in chemical processes, reactor engineering is more and more in line with green chemistry concepts.

Computational Tools:

Reactor engineers can now build and optimise reactors with higher accuracy because to developments in computer modelling and simulation, which eliminates the need for expensive experimental experiments.

CONCLUSION

The preparation and sterilisation of the media, as well as the sterilisation of the bioreactor or fermentor with or without media, are the first steps in the whole process. As stock cultures, the microbial cultures are often kept on petri plates or in slants of culture tubes. The latent state of these cells requires activation. Before being placed into the bioreactor directly or through a seed fermentor of 10 to 100 l, the cells are first injected into tiny culture volumes (5 to 10 ml) and cultivated overnight. After that, they are inoculated into larger quantities (100 to 1000 ml), which are then either transferred into the bioreactor directly or via. Maintaining

the initial cell density is crucial since it affects how quickly cells develop and produce products. The fermentor has to have the right mixture and amount of medium with all of its necessary components, enough aeration, pH control, and antifoam and related systems. The volume cell density and age of the inoculum are elements that regulate the microbial growth's exponential development phase. The complete completion of the fermentation process depends on the maintenance of sterile conditions throughout the process, the provision of sterile air for respiration, and continuous agitation and mixing to preserve the chemical homogeneity inside the fermenter. After the fermentation is complete, the cells are filtered or centrifuged away from the soup. The product may be separated from the cell, free medium, or supernatant if it is extracellular, like numerous acids, alcohols, antibiotics, and vitamins.

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CHAPTER 5
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT:
Our opinions and impressions of things are often shaped by our cultural background and are not necessarily reasonable. They are a synthesis of our ideas, or cognitive dimension, our emotions, or affective dimension, and our behaviors, or behavioral dimension. Things we know make up the cognitive dimension, feelings make up the emotional dimension, and behavior determines how we will act on the attitudes we develop. The way we act affects how socially acceptable we are, and being a part of a community is crucial since it gives our lives purpose to the things we encounter. Modern science and technology have greatly simplified and accelerated our way of life. However, some of these developments have given rise to serious worries about their long-term effects on the environment and human life. The UN-appointed Brundtland Commission, commonly known as the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED), made its sustainable development recommendations in 1985. Sustainable development preserves the environment without causing any deterioration

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INTRODUCTION

A sustainable development is one that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs," according to the Commission. For many countries, there are several definitions and points of view on sustainable development. All of these perspectives have one thing in common: they all represent science and technology as having both advantages and disadvantages.

Regarding the use of science and technology, there are two competing ideologies:

Integral Ideology

Reductionism as a Theology

Traditional techniques should be used in all spheres of life, from industry to agriculture, according to holistic thinking. According to this worldview, traditional and informal forms of knowledge are ignored in favor of formal education. This ideology claims that there are no issues with the agricultural industry. If we went back to eating some of the ancient or traditional grains, which are simple to farm, Earth could produce enough food to feed everyone. In order to preserve the soil and grow a crop, it also suggests using chemical manures, pesticides, herbicides, and limited tillage. Whatever issue still exists in the globe is mostly a result of how unevenly produced food is distributed.Reductionist philosophy promotes the use of new information to enhance crop plants and agriculture. It suggests ongoing research and development projects to identify fresh approaches to challenges. These two organizations and its several subtypes have offered contrasting opinions on environmentally friendly sustainable development[1], [2].

The Social Effects of Biotechnology

Biotechnology may first seem to be only a scientific and technology issue. However, because of its potential effects on the environment and our way of life, biotechnology is both admired and feared. Biotechnology has developed into a discussion point for opposing socio-ethical points of view because of its ability to influence societal values, interpersonal relationships, and environmental issues. The general public's perspective of biotechnology varies significantly by nation, sex, age, education level, religious beliefs, and social groupings. Overall, views are far from being as optimistic as the sector would want[3], [4].

The public's opinion of biotechnology is mostly shaped by their lack of trust and scientific illiteracy. There are benefits and drawbacks to ignorance. Effective debate with someone on a subject they are unfamiliar with is challenging. Because of their ignorance, many individuals will be concerned about the technology. Because of their innate fear of the unknown, individuals will be readily persuaded by arguments that claim all biotechnology is immoral if they are unable to comprehend the difficulties. Modern technology development is often the focus of contentious and divisive disputes. At first look, biotechnology can seem to be only a scientific and technology issue, yet it has the power to alter social norms and reshape interpersonal relationships. As a result, various religious and socioeconomic groups have extremely varied perspectives on the advancements in biotechnology. Two significant social and ethical challenges are, for instance:

1.Should a man have the right to act as God? Should it be legal for man to use genetic engineering to clone humans and other animals and change their genetic makeup?

2.Who is the creator and owner of the technology? Who is the proprietor of the newly created, genetically changed creature in the event of genetic engineering? Who are the parents of the cloned creature in the event of cloning? The mother who is giving birth to the kid or the woman who contributed the ovum should be regarded as the true mother, even in the case of test tube infants.

The societal effects of biotechnology as a science, a technology, and a rapidly growing business should be discussed in discussions between the general public, scientists, governments, and religious organisations. We should create a programme that includes activities to harmonise and clarify biotechnology regulations, to understand consumer attitudes towards biotechnology, and to understand the social and ethical issues raised by this technology if we want to address the barriers to the successful development and commercialization of biotechnology products. In addition to discussing the opposing demands on governments to solve social, ethical, and environmental challenges, we should analyse and recognise the conflicting social and ethical views of biotechnology[5], [6].

Virtually every facet of human existence will be impacted by the uses of biotechnology, which is a manufacturing process. There are socio-ethical ramifications for both the approach and the applications. Whether biotechnology and its numerous uses will help or damage society is a topic of intense debate. Since there are so many different biotechnology applications, each one must be evaluated separately. There are primarily three basic categories of dispute in the discussion. First, there is dispute over predictions of the potential societal effects of this technology. Second, there is dispute over the moral principles that should guide the outcomes—what should take place. Finally, there is debate on the process that will be utilised to build ethics—who makes the decisions about what should and won't

happen? In actuality, the argument over the advancement of biotechnology is one over the future of our social structures and values.

DISCUSSION

Numerous social, ethical, and legal issues are prompted by the use of biotechnology in society. Many nations have yet to create a system or method to deal with the social and ethical problems that biotechnology has brought to light. The societal effects of biotechnology have instead been defined by government spending on research and development. Due to the need for goods to address socio-ethical concerns in committee hearings and legislative hearings, the commercialization process for biotechnology products has been unpredictable and drawn out. The establishment of a publicly determined socio-ethical framework to guide the development of biotechnology is necessary for industrial progress. Public support is essential if the effective commercialization of biotechnology is the ultimate aim. In turn, public approval will depend on how socially beneficial biotechnology is. The ethics governing the societal effects of biotechnology must reflect the general populace. The public's preferences for social and ethical rules to govern the development of biotechnology have not yet been the subject of any systematic research.

The results of biotechnology—and the ensuing advantages and risks—will influence everyone, thus it is crucial that the public understands it as a science and technology. The use of biotechnology to improve and maintain environmental quality, food safety, and human health has considerable potential. To solve these issues that have an impact on both people and the environment, it may develop technologies and procedures that are ecologically friendly. However, the potential role that biotechnology may play in resolving issues with food production and the environment could be thwarted without public knowledge, acceptance, and support[7], [8].

Intellectual Property Rights (Ipr) Patenting

The phrase "intellectual property rights" (IPR) refers to a variety of various legal rights that are provided by each nation. It may be seen as a kind of national acknowledgment for the inventor's contribution to the creation of a new technology, method, or item. It is safeguarded against unauthorised use for industrial or commercial purposes. Science and biotechnology are not new to the idea of intellectual property rights. It is a result of industrialization. Due to the growth of scientific research and the marketing of those findings, it became well-known among both scientists and laypeople products. The nature, consequences, and legality of intellectual property rights as they relate to gene technology, biodiversity, and innovations that depend on genetic resources and related traditional knowledge have been some of the issues raised concerning contemporary biotechnology. The majority of institutions and universities now have their own teams or specialists to handle their own IP issues[9], [10].

Intellectual Property Rights: Types

Various kinds of intellectual property rights exist. Patents, trademarks, industrial designs, geographic indicators of sources, protection for plant species, and copyrights are the basic classifications.

The laws passed by the parliament or other national governing body in each nation safeguard these rights.

1.**Patents:**

These provide protection for items, production methods, and innovations. For a certain amount of time, it grants its owner a monopoly right over the method or product's commercial use.

2.**Industrial design:**

This deals with how particular things, such decorations and instruments, are shaped and created.

3.**Trademarks**

Are unique phrases or symbols used to identify certain goods, services, or businesses.

4.**Plant variety**

Protection is an example of an IPR that is related to biotechnology. A plant variety right or plant breeder's right is what it is called. It is used to novel plant types created via hybridization processes or other genetic alterations.

5.**Copyright:**

This IPR covers writings, artwork, handiwork, engineering designs, and software.

Pioneers

A system of regulations protecting inventors and investors in inventions is in place to safeguard the inventor's work for 20 years from being used for profit without their permission.

Patent Guidelines

The following requirements must be met in order for a product or method innovation to be eligible for patent protection:

The knowledge or innovation should be new. It shouldn't already be in the public's hands. It should be creative; a conventional method or item is not what it should be. A person proficient in the specific art should not be able to guess the method or procedure. It need to be suitable for industrial use. It need to be process-utilitarian. The idea of a patent has been embraced by economists as an inducement for economic growth brought on by scientific advancements. Significant research and development expenditures. Financial support for the development and promotion of novel goods and procedures. Knowledge and technical information about innovations should be revealed rather than kept secret.

Findings versus invention

Between discovery and innovation, there is a significant distinction. The main definition of discovery is the process of learning new things via experimentation, research, and thought. It has an academic bent. The name itself denotes the discovery of a new idea, hypothesis, or piece of information that either already exists or is hidden in the natural world. It increases our understanding of the world. Examples include Sir Isaac Newton's discovery of the gravitational force and Hargobind Khorana's deciphering of the genetic code. Actually, invention is the creation of something new that doesn't already exist. There is the use of prior information obtained via discovery. For instance, an electric lamp is an innovation, but electricity is a result of discovery. In a similar vein, the discovery of steam's potential and the

construction of the steam engine. Gene cloning, PCR amplification, and other innovations are approaches. New knowledge or information is also distributed via invention. Examples include a new process that produced an old product, a known method that produced a new product, a new outcome, a new process, a new combination of materials to generate a known product, etc.

In general, a discovery cannot be patented, whereas an invention may. Existing and new materials are now unclear to one another. For instance, a synthetic product is a brand-new item that did not previously exist. Thus, it is unquestionably patentable. However, when a particular protein, gene, or other naturally occurring component is isolated or purified, it is not a brand-new substance. But why is it patentable? The cause is because isolated or purified forms of these proteins or natural compounds were not previously known. A new strain of microorganisms derived from nature will also be eligible for patenting if it has a novel trait not present in the bacteria's previously recognized natural form. Through a joint declaration of policy, the patent offices of the U.S., Europe, and Japan have clarified these issues.

Patents on goods and processes

According to the patent rules of many nations, a novel product that has been created synthetically or isolated and purified from natural sources is patentable. The issue at hand is whether or not a procedure is patentable. A novel technique, method, or process employed for the synthesis, isolation, or purification of a substance or microorganism that is already known to exist is patentable. Normal operating method cannot be patented. The procedure or the process is not patentable if the product is novel but the method utilised is an established method; only the product is. Both the procedure and the result must be novel in order to be patented. A broad review of the various process and product factors, together with potential adjustments and replacements, makes up the solution. Additionally, it will provide a few working instances.The legal part of the patent is this agreement, it is claimed. In terms of equipment, method, products, usage, and any other applicable portion or category, this section specifies the extent of legal protection necessary[11], [12].

Patent Management

When someone invents anything, they must first submit a patent application in their home country for the new product or procedure before moving on to other nations. A distinct title should be included on the patent application. The invention's uniqueness has to be carefully examined. A patent attorney must complete all processes, including the application submission.

Worldwide Patent Laws

According to a treaty or international agreement, each nation has its own unique sort of patent law. However, there is a history of effective international collaboration via the use of conventions. These conventions help member governments reach consensus and agreements on formal and substantive patent issues. The following describes a few of the conferences that influenced global patent legislation.

Paris Convention: In 1883, this convention took place. 'The International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property' was another name for it. The Paris Union, which now comprises the vast majority of industrialised nations, has 151 members. Regarding the protection of industrial property, member nations must treat citizens of other union members on an equal playing field with their own citizens. With relation to patent laws and patent

applications, there are several agreements and understandings among the member nations. The most recent amendment to the Paris Convention's language was made in Stockholm in 1979.

The 1963 edition of the Strasbourg Convention was held. The 'Convention on the Unification of Certain Points of Substantive Law on Patents for Invention' is what it says. This outlines the typical criteria for an invention's patentability, such as that it must be unique, be capable of industrial application, entail an inventive step, etc. The European Patent Convention has adopted many of this convention's elements. For instance, the concept of "the state of the art," which must be used to evaluate and determine the degree of uniqueness and ingenuity of the subject matter of a patent application. This agreement also determined to exclude both plant and animal variants from patent protection.

Because it is run by the Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) is regarded as the worldwide patent organisation. This agreement was originally signed in 1970, and it and the European Patent Convention became operative in 1978. It is the largest worldwide organisation and has 100 members. Because a designated national system first officially accepts them before an international authority (WIPO) considers them in an international phase, the patent applications submitted under PCT are regarded as "international" in this context. The formal preliminary steps, a prior art search, and publication of the application are all part of the international phase.

European Patent Convention (EPC): This was established in 1978 after a 1973 conference. Along with the European Patent Office (EPO) and Administrative Council as its supporting bodies, it created the European Patent Organisation. Each regional patent office belongs to a member nation. Before the EPO, a single patent application may be submitted, and it will be taken into account for its member nations.

CONCLUSION

The application may be submitted to any of the national or regional patent offices, but the EPO will eventually review it. When the patent is issued, it will be a collection of national patents from each member state rather than a single European Patent. For instance, European Patents from the UK, Germany, France, and so on. As a result, a single patent application submitted through the EPO will eventually become a single unitary indivisible piece of property protecting the whole European economic community. The Budapest Treaty was signed in 1977 and came into effect at the end of 1980. It is often referred to as the "Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganism for the Purposes of Patent Procedure." The International Depository Authorities' microbiological culture collections are recognised by this convention. For the purpose of filing a patent application in any member state, a novel strain of microorganisms may be deposited with any of the International Depositories. A microbial culture collection's primary duties are to receive, preserve, and provide microbial cultures to the scientific community as a service. They are open to new types of microbes that researchers have identified and whose identities will be confirmed and is appropriately categorised. After that, it is added to their culture collections and kept as a fresh strain. These repositories provide as sources of microorganisms for use in research and industry. An accession number and date are assigned to the new organism, using which it will be recognized in the future and referred to in patent applications.

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CHAPTER 6
THE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF BIO-MOLECULES

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ABSTRACT:
Biomolecules are the substances that living things create. These compound groupings come in a variety of forms, sizes, chemical and physical characteristics, and biological roles. Depending on their size and composition, the many kinds of chemicals that make up these biomolecules may be roughly categorized into two groups. Macromolecules are those molecules that are polymeric and larger in size, whereas biomolecules are those that are simple and smaller in size. In biological systems, there are four different kinds of macromolecules: lipids, proteins, carbohydrates, and nucleic acids. Three of these four varieties are polymers made out of monomers, or basic elements. Lipids aren't polymers, however. Three chapters make up this section. We examine tiny molecules in the first chapter, including the precursors of macromolecules. Monosaccharide's, also known as sugars, amino acids, nucleotides, vitamins, coenzymes, and fatty acids are included in this. Some of these molecules serve as the macromolecules' building blocks. For instance, proteins are composed of amino acids. All of these molecules—macro and micro—are in a state of flux or dynamic state in biological systems. That is, they undergo chemical changes continuously in order to preserve the condition of life

KEYWORDS:
Acids, Amino molecules, Atoms, Carbon, Proteins.

INTRODUCTION

Actually, the metabolism of an organism is the result of all these biochemical changes together. These metabolic processes, which may be linear or cyclic, are linked together and organized into distinct metabolic pathways. The second chapter focuses mostly on macromolecules, including lipids, proteins, nucleic acids, and carbohydrates. Enzymes, which mediate all cellular biochemical events, get particular attention in the study of proteins. Genetic material is mostly composed of nucleic acids, carbohydrates are the major energy sources, and lipids are the energy storage molecules that also serve as cell and organelle barriers. All of these biomolecules organize in various ways to create supra-molecular assemblies, which give birth to organelles like cell membranes and ribosomes, among other things[1], [2].

The third chapter discusses the numerous physic-chemical methods used to isolate and purify macromolecules such lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids. It comprises methods like centrifugation and methods for separating things like chromatography and electrophoresis.An organism's live cells are chemical machines with chemical components and a chemical language. It is an amalgamation of many kinds of biomolecules with varying biological, chemical, and physical characteristics. All of these tiny and big macromolecules participate in various biochemical processes, which lead to the phenomenon of life. In terms of both structure and functionality, biopolymers, also known as biological macromolecules, represent the majority of biomolecules. All cellular components, including cell walls, membranes,

organelle membranes, microtubules, flagella, and celia, include a variety of biomolecules that are actively involved in a variety of metabolic processes[3], [4].

As biopolymers, these macromolecules are also referred to. They may be divided into four main categories: lipids, proteins, carbohydrates, and nucleic acids. Small repeating units or monomers of the same kind or various sorts make up all of these biopolymers. These biopolymer building components are known as building units.

Mineral traces and microelements

In comparison to CHNOPS, the other components are needed in much less quantities and are used in a variety of ways. Several of these minerals, such as copper, molybdenum, and zinc, are essential for the operation of certain enzymes, while others are needed for different processes:

Calcium helps bones.

Silicon for the glassy shell in certain protozoa

Potassium and sodium for animal nerve impulse production and transmission

Isotopes and Atoms

The smallest unit of matter is an atom. Protons (+ charge), neutrons (no charge), and electrons (- charge) are all present. Electrons are dynamically depicted as "electron clouds."Each element has a certain number of protons and electrons in an atom. For instance, H has one proton, C has six, and O has eight. Additionally known as the atomic number. Orbitals are specialized geometrical configurations that electrons fit into (more on this in chemistry; not covered here). There are only two electrons in each orbital. Additional electrons must occupy orbitals further from the nucleus as the orbitals nearest to the nucleus fill up.

Atomic Bonds

Two ions—one positively charged and the other negatively charged—are produced when there is a full transfer of electrons from one atom to another, forming ionic bonds. The complex is held together by the electrostatic attraction of the positive and negative ions. For instance, NaCl (table salt) is created when a sodium atom (Na) gives one electron from its outside valence shell to a chlorine atom (Cl), which requires one electron to fill its outer valence shell. Na+Cl- is the symbol for sodium chloride. Electronic bonds typically have an energy value or strength of 4–7 kcal/mol

Molecular Bonds

The sharing of a pair of electrons creates covalent bonds, which are the strongest chemical connections. Elements like C, H, N, O, P, and S, which are often not found next to noble gases in the periodic table, are responsible for creating these bonds.[5], [6]

DISCUSSION

Typically, a single covalent bond has an energy of around 80 kcal/mol. However, depending on the atoms involved, this bond energy may range from 50 kcal/mol to 110 kcal/mol. Covalent bonds seldom spontaneously dissolve after they have been created. The reason for this is due to basic energetic principles; a molecule's thermal energy at room temperature (298 K) is only around 0.6 kcal/mol, which is far less than the energy needed to dissolve a

covalent bond. Due to oxygen's strong electro-negativity, which draws electrons away from hydrogen atoms, each hydrogen atom has a partial positive charge and a partial negative charge, respectively. Due to partial charges, hydrogen bonding (H-bonds) are a possibility.

Water Bonds

A hydrogen bond is a weak contact that is only momentarily stable. The bonding energy per mole is about 3-5 kcal. When electrons in covalent bonds are not distributed equally, polarity and hydrogen bonding arise. A hydrogen atom that is covalently joined to a very electronegative (N, O, or P) atom shares a portion of its partial positive charge with another extremely electronegative (N, O, or P) atom. H and O each carry a percentage of positive and negative charge in H2O. As a result, water molecules may readily establish hydrogen bonds with one another. These bonds are typically present in proteins and nucleic acids and work to stabilise the protein's (or nucleic acid's) structure by supporting one another[7], [8].

Interactions with water

Non-polar molecules are insoluble in water because they are unable to establish H-bonds with it. In contrast to hydrophilic molecules, which can form H-bonds with water, these molecules are classified as hydrophobic (water-hating). When an oil drop is placed on water, hydrophobic interactions are plainly visible. Hydrophobic molecules have a tendency to group together in order to avoid H2O molecules. The hydrophobic (aversion to water) force is what causes this attraction and repulsion. Visualise the H2O molecules around a "dissolved" molecule as they compete to create the most hydrogen bonds with one another to help you comprehend the energetics behind this interaction. In order to reduce the overall surface area that breaks up the H2O H-bond matrix, all of the non-polar molecules must be forced together, which is the most energy approach.

Molecular Polarity and Non-polarity

Asymmetrically distributed electrons in certain molecules lead to the formation of polar molecules. Molecules that are polarised develop a dipole moment and will point in one direction when they are exposed to an electrical field. For instance, in the chemical CH3CH2OH (ethanol), the oxygen atom draws more electrons than other atoms. All polar molecules interact with one another via charge-charge interactions; they get along well with water and create strong hydrogen bonds. Due to their abundance of -OH groups, sugars are a notable example of extremely soluble compounds. Non-polar molecules, such as hydrocarbons, on the other hand, do not dissolve in water since doing so would cause the water's hydrogen bonds to be broken. Instead, these molecules create a layer that is distinct from water (such as an oil film on the surface) or they create globules of fatty substance that are contained inside water[9], [10].

Construction of Carbohydrate Blocks

Carbon-based molecules called carbohydrates have a lot of hydroxyl groups in them. Commonly referred to as sugars, the simplest carbohydrates also either an aldehyde group or a ketone group. Polyhydroxyaldehydes and polyhydroxyketones are the names given to the sugars that comprise aldehydes and ketone, respectively. All sugars fall into one of three categories: polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, or monosaccharides. The monomers or fundamental components of carbohydrates are monosaccharides. An oligosaccharide is made up of two to ten monosaccharide molecules connected by glycosidic linkages. Since they include hundreds of monosaccharide units, polysaccharides are substantially bigger. Because

carbohydrates include hydroxyl groups, they may engage in hydrogen bonding both inside and between chains as well as with the aqueous environment. Carbohydrate derivatives may include nitrogen, phosphate, and sulphur molecules. In order to generate glycolipids or glycoproteins, carbohydrates may also interact with lipids.

Mono-saccharides

Glucose, fructose, galactose, and other simple sugars are examples of monosaccharides. The amount of carbon atoms in the backbone structures of the different sugar kinds found in nature allows for classification. They are referred to as carbon hydrates since their fundamental molecular structure is CnH2On. Based on the kind of functional group they include, the monosaccharides are divided into two groups. Aldehyde-containing sugars are referred to as aldoses, while keto-containing sugars are referred to as ketoses. Ketoses and aldoses, the two main monosaccharides, each have four to seven carbon atoms. As a result, monosaccharides are categorised into seven categories based on how many carbon atoms they contain. They are triose, which has three carbon atoms, tetrose, which has four, pentose, which has five, hexose, which has six, and heptulose, which has seven. Both aldoses and ketoses are included in each of these groupings. Aldotriose and aldoketose are the names of the trioses-containing aldehyde groups. The same is true for tetrose, which may be either aldo- or ketotetrose, pentose sugar, which includes aldopentose and ketopentose, and hexose sugar, which includes aldo- and ketohexose. The seven-carbon sugar known as heptose is uncommon and absent in free form. Sedoheptulose, a keto form of heptose, is a component of plants and a step in the biosynthetic process that converts carbon dioxide into glucose for photosynthesis.

Monosaccharide Nomenclature: D and L Forms

The aldotriose glyceraldehyde and the ketotriosedihydroxy-acetone are structurally similar to the main monosaccharides present in the body. Since every carbohydrate has at least one chirally asymmetric carbon, it is optically active. Additionally, depending on how the hydroxyl group is oriented, carbohydrates may exist in one of two conformations. Except for a handful, all physiologically important carbohydrates occur in the D-conformation. The L-conformation contains the enantiomers, or mirror-image conformations.

Alcohol groups present in nearby carbons will spontaneously react with the aldehyde and ketone moieties (carbonyl group) of the monosaccharides with five and six carbons to create intramolecular hemiacetals or hemiketals, respectively. As a consequence, rings with five or six members start to form. Furanoses are a group of derivatives having a five-membered ring structure that mimics the chemical molecule furan. Pyranoses are compounds having six-membered rings that mimic the chemical molecule pyran. Fischer or Haworth style diagrams may be used to represent these structures. In monosaccharides, the carbons are numbered starting with the carbonyl carbon for aldoses or the carbon that is closest to the carbonyl for ketoses.Thehemiacetals and hemiketals may have two different configurations (and) due to the ability of the rings to open and reclose, which enables rotation to take place around the carbon harbouring the reactive carbonyl. The carbon on which this rotation takes place is known as anomeric carbon and is represented by carbons 1 and 2 in glucose and fructose, respectively. Carbohydrates are capable of mutarotating spontaneously between the and forms. The hydroxyl linked to the anomeric carbon is positioned to the right, towards the ring, in the arrangement when seen in the Fischer projection.

Polysaccharides

In nature, polysaccharides, which are large molecular weight polymers, make up the majority of the carbohydrates. There are several monomeric building components that may be employed to create polysaccharides. However, D-glucose is always the main monosaccharide present in polysaccharides. Homopolysaccharides are polysaccharides that are made up entirely of monosaccharide building blocks. Heteropolysaccharides are polysaccharides made up of many types of monosaccharides.

Glycogen

Animals primarily store carbohydrates in the form of glycogen. It is also highly branched, with -(1,6) branch connections appearing every eight to ten residues. This important molecule is a homopolymer of glucose in -(1,4) linkage. Glycogen is produced when the polymer chains are wound into an extremely compact form. Because of its compactness, carbon may be stored in great quantities in a short space with no impact on cellular osmolarity.

Starch

The primary type of carbohydrate that is kept in plant cells is starch. The only difference between its structure and that of glycogen is a substantially lower degree of branching (approximately every 20–30 leftovers). Figure 4.4 shows that whereas branched starch is known as amylopectin, unbranched starch is known as amylose.

Sugars' Chemical Properties

Reducing sugars are another name for monosaccharides. Monosaccharides are reducing agents due to the hemiacetal or aldehyde groups that they contain. It may transform copper salts in alkaline solutions into a crimson cuprous oxide precipitate. This is the typical response of qualitative tests like Fehling's and Benedict's test, which are used to determine the presence of glucose in diverse samples like blood, urine, and so on. Copper sulphate is present in Fehling's and Benedict's reagents in an alkaline form.

Protein Building Blocks

Proteins are enormous molecules made up of mixtures of twenty distinct amino acids. A protein's function is highly dependent on the specific physical structure of the protein. Each cell in a live body depends on a wide variety of proteins to operate.Alpha amino acid polymers make up all proteins, including peptides and polypeptides. Regarding the composition of all proteins, there are 20 -amino acids. Other amino acids, those not linked to peptides or proteins, are present in the body either free or mixed. These amino acids that are not linked to proteins carry out specific tasks. A number of the amino acids present in proteins also have uses other than in the synthesis of peptides and proteins, such as tyrosine's role in the production of thyroid hormones and glutamate's role as a neurotransmitter.

Except for proline, which has a -NH group instead of a -NH2 group, the -amino acids in peptides and proteins are composed of a carboxylic acid (-COOH) and an amino (-NH2) functional group connected to the same tetrahedral carbon atom. The -carbon in question. The alpha-carbon is also linked to distinct R-groups that identify one amino acid from another (with the exception of glycine, where the R-group is hydrogen). Amino acids have hydrogen as their fourth substitution on the tetrahedral -carbon.

Amino Acid Hydrophobicity and Hydrophilicity

The R- group substitution on the -carbon atom helps to recognise each of the 20 -amino acids present in proteins. Based on whether the R-group is hydrophilic or hydrophobic, amino acids may be divided into two major categories. The hydrophobic amino acids are mostly found inside of proteins because they have a tendency to reject the watery environment. This group of amino acids neither ionises nor takes part in the synthesis of H-bonds. The hydrophilic amino acids are mostly present on the outside surfaces of proteins or in the reactive centres of enzymes, interact with the aqueous environment often, and are frequently implicated in the creation of H-bonds.

Amino Acids' Optical Properties

Chiral refers to a tetrahedral carbon atom that has four different components. Glycine is the only amino acid that doesn't display chirality since its "R-group" is a hydrogen atom. Chirality, which is measured by a molecule's capacity to spin the plane of polarised light either to the right (dextrorotatory) or to the left (levorotatory), characterises the handedness of a molecule. Proteins' amino acids all have the exact same absolute steric arrangement as L-glyceraldehyde. They are all L-amino acids as a result. Despite their presence in nature, D-amino acids are never present in proteins. Antibiotics made with polypeptides often include D-amino acids.Amino acid aromatic R-groups have a maximal absorbance in the 280 nm region for UV light absorption. Tryptophan, a substance that strongly absorbs ultraviolet light, is primarily responsible for proteins' capacity to absorb UV radiation.

Reaction of Amino Acids to Colour

The 'Ninhydrin' test is one of the qualitative or identifying assays for amino acids. The ninhydrin (triketohydrindene hydrate) combines with the alpha amino group of amino acids. Ninhydrin is an effective oxidizer. A reduced form of ninhydrin, ammonia, carbon dioxide, a corresponding aldehyde, and amino acids undergo oxidative deamination in its presence. The amino acid's alpha amino group releases ammonia, which interacts with ninhydrin and its reduced product to produce Ruhemann's purple, a blue chemical. Proline is a rare case. Due to the presence of a -imino group rather than a -amino group, it creates a yellow colour[11], [12].

CONCLUSION

Lipids are macromolecules that are classified as biopolymers even though they are not polymers. The structure and behavior of the fundamental macromolecules that make up the biological system are covered in this chapter. These biopolymers' monomers are distinguished by the presence of certain functional groups. Therefore, prior to delving into the specifics of these monomers, it is necessary to have a fundamental grasp of the functional groups present in biomolecules. A pure material with just one kind of atom makes up an element. There are 92 elements that are found naturally. The living system does not include all of the elements that exist on Earth. Similar to this, biological tissue does not reflect the amount of elements in the crust of the planet. Aluminum is one of the primary elements that are absent from cells, while carbon is one of the major elements that are rare in the crust of the planet. About 25 different elements have been found in live cells.

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CHAPTER 7
FUNCTION OF THE NUCLEOTIDES

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INTRODUCTION

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Bond of the Peptide

The condensation process known as peptide-bond formation causes amino acids to polymerize into peptides and proteins. Small peptides with few amino acids are called peptides. Peptides are found in several hormones and neurotransmitters. Additionally, peptides are present in several antibiotics and anticancer medications. Polypeptides of vastly varying length make up proteins. The simplest peptide is a dipeptide, which has one peptide bond and is created when the carboxyl groups of two amino acids are combined with the amino groups of the third amino acid while simultaneously removing water. A peptide bond displays stiffness similar to the conventional —C = C— double bond because the carbonyl group in the peptide permits electron resonance stabilisation to take place. As a result, it is argued that the peptide bond has partial double-bond characteristics [3], [4].

Nucleic Acids Building Blocks: Nucleotides

Our genetic material is made up of information-carrying molecules called nucleic acids. The nucleic acids are formed of repeating units or monomers known as nucleotides, much like many of our other chemicals. The constituent parts of nucleic acids are called nucleotides.

The nucleotides may be thought of as one of the most significant metabolites produced by cells. The two main nucleic acids in a cell, RNA and DNA, are composed of monomeric units called nucleotides. They are necessary for countless other significant and separate cellular processes, however[5], [6].

Nucleotide functions

Participate in energy transaction processes and function as energy carrier molecules (ATP). Most of these processes are primarily powered by ATP or adenosine triphosphate. Coenzymes that transport energy, include coenzyme A, NAD+, NADP+, FAD, and numerous other significant coenzymes. Intra-cellular messengers, which act as middlemen in a variety of crucial cellular processes, including signal-transduction events and second messengers. Cyclic-AMP (cAMP), a cyclic derivative of AMP created from ATP, is the main second messenger. Use allosteric influences on enzyme activity to regulate a variety of enzymatic processes. Activated intermediates for a variety of biosynthetic processes. A number of sugar-coupled nucleotides involved in the synthesis of glycogen and glycoproteins as well as S-adenosylmethionine (S-AdoMet), a component of methyl-transfer processes, are among these activated intermediates. Long strands of nucleotides called nucleic acids are made up of many components a nucleotide is made up of three parts.

1. Pentose sugar, a 5-carbon sugar

2. Phosphorus group

3. Base nitrogen

Structure and nomenclature of nucleosides and nucleotides

The base may have two different orientations around the N-glycosidic link in nucleosides and nucleotides. The terms syn and anti are used to describe these conformations. In naturally occurring nucleotides, the anti-conformation prevails. In the cell, nucleosides are typically present in their phosphorylated state. Nucleotides are the name for these. The hydroxyl group linked to the 5-carbon of ribose serves as the most prevalent site of phosphorylation of nucleotides seen in living cells. To differentiate them from the backbone numbering in the bases, the carbon atoms of the ribose found in nucleotides are given a prime (') designation. Mono-, di-, or tri-phosphorylated nucleotides may occur.

To make it simple to distinguish between nucleotides and determine their structure and phosphorylation level, each nucleotide has a unique shorthand. Adenosine (5-monophosphate), which has undergone monophosphorylation, is denoted by the symbol AMP. ADP and ATP, respectively, are used to represent the di- and tri-phosphorylated forms. These acronyms are used with the assumption that the nucleotide is in its 5-phosphorylated state. Nucleotides' di- and tri-phosphates are connected by acid anhydride bonds. The high free energy (G0') for hydrolysis of acid-anhydride bonds gives them a strong potential to transfer phosphates to other molecules. The nucleotides' participation in group-transfer processes for energy transactions in the cell is caused by this feature of the nucleotides[7], [8].

The ribose in DNA occurs in the 2-deoxy form, and the abbreviations of the nucleotides include a 'd' designation, which distinguishes them from those in RNA. Deoxyadenosine-5-monophosphate, the monophosphorylated form of adenosine present in DNA, is abbreviated as dAMP. Thymine is nearly exclusively present in DNA, but uridine is never found there. Neither rRNA nor mRNA contain thymine, only tRNAs do. In DNA and RNA, a few less

frequent nucleotides may be identified. DNA's most important modified base is 5-methylcytosine. In the tRNAs, several modified bases may be found. Outside of DNA and RNA, one encounters several modified nucleotides that perform crucial biological tasks.

Alternatives to Adenosine

The cyclic form of adenosine, 3-5-cyclic adenosine monophosphate, or cAMP, is the most prevalent adenosine derivative. The second messenger function of this substance is to transmit signal transduction events from the cell surface to interior proteins, such as cAMP-dependent protein kinase (PKA). PKA phosphorylates a variety of proteins, which may have a positive or negative impact on how active they are. By directly interacting with the channel proteins, cyclic-AMP also plays a role in the control of ion channels, such as when odorant molecules activate odour receptors. When receptor-coupled adenylate cyclase is activated, cAMP is produced in response. These receptors may be hormone receptors or odorant receptors, for example. S-adenosylmethionine, a kind of activated methionine, is used in the production of polyamines as a source of propylamine and as a methyl donor in methylation processes.

Derivatives OfGuanosine

Additionally present in the cells as a second messenger molecule is cyclic GMP (cGMP). Its function is often to counteract the effects of cAMP. Similar to the signals that activate adenylate cyclase, receptor-mediated signals result in the formation of cGMP. Guanylate cyclase is connected to the receptor in this instance. Photo-reception is the most significant cGMP linked signal-transduction cascade. In this instance, however, activation of rhodopsin (in the rods) or other opsins (in the cones) by photon absorption (through 11-cis-retinal covalently associated with rhodopsin and opsins) activates transducin, which in turn activates a cGMP specific phosphodiesterase that hydrolyzes cGMP to GMP. This causes the closing of the channels and the ensuing hyperpolarization of the cell because it decreases the effective concentration of cGMP bound to gated ion channels[9], [10].

Nucleotide Qualitative Analysis

By measuring or detecting the pentose sugar, a component of the nucleotides, both ribonucleotides and deoxyribonucleotides, one may estimate the nucleotides in a solution both qualitatively and quantitatively. When a strong acid is present, ribose sugar produces furfural. Orcinol combines with furfural in the presence of ferric chloride as a catalyst to create a green chemical. Ribonucleotide detection and estimation are possible using this orcinol reaction. Deoxyribonucleotide may be detected using diphenylamine. Under acidic circumstances, it reacts with diphenylamine and produces a complex that is blue in colour. Dehydration of the nucleotide's deoxyribose occurs during the process, converting it into hydroxylevulinic aldehydes in the presence of a strong acid. These aldehydes combine with diphenylamine to form the complex that is blue in colour.

Lipids' Building Blocks: Fatty Acids, Glycerol

Lipids are a subclass of biological molecules that are soluble in organic solvents but insoluble in aqueous solutions. Human physiologically significant lipids serve four main purposes:

1. They are essential elements in the structure of biological membranes.

2. They provide stored energy, mostly in the form of triacylglycerols.

3. Lipids and lipid derivatives act as hormones and vitamins, respectively.

4. Bile acids that are lipophilic help to dissolve lipids.

The long-chain hydrocarbon acids known as fatty acids, the C18 amino alcohol or sphingosine, glycerol, and cholesterol are the chemical components or building blocks of lipids.

Major Lipid Types

Triglycerides, sometimes referred to as fats and oils

Waxes (which resemble triglycerides greatly), Phospholipids, the primary component of membranes, and Sterols (or steroids)

Lipids' Structure

Lipids are comparable to carbohydrates in their chemical makeup in that their primary elemental constituents are carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. However, since there is not much oxygen present, the majority of lipids are hydrocarbons. The building blocks of fatty acids and the alcohol glycerol form the basis of the chemical structures of fats and oils, the most prevalent lipids. Conventional language dictates the phrases fats and oils. At normal temperature, fats are "hard" or solid, while oils are liquids.

Oily Acids

As the primary constituents of triacylglycerols, which are the principal type of stored fat, fatty acids perform two key functions in the bodies of both plants and animals. Fatty acids are long-chain hydrocarbon compounds with a carboxylic acid component at one end. In fatty acids, the carbon of the carboxylate group is the first carbon to be counted. The carboxyl group is easily ionised at physiological pH, giving fatty acids a negative charge.

Saturated and unsaturated fatty acids are the two forms of fatty acids

Unsaturated fatty acids have double bonds, but saturated fatty acids do not; they are distinguished by the absence of double bonds. The number of carbon atoms, followed by the number of unsaturation sites, is used to numerically define fatty acids (for example, palmitic acid is a 16-carbon fatty acid with no unsaturation, and is indicated as 16:0). A fatty acid's site of unsaturation is denoted by the symbol and the number of the first carbon of the double bond; for instance, palmitoleic acid, a 16-carbon fatty acid, is denoted by 16:19 and has one unsaturation between carbons 9 and 10. At physiological temperature, saturated fatty acids with less than eight carbon atoms are liquid, but those with more than ten are solid. In comparison to a saturated fatty acid, fatty acids with double bonds have much lower melting points.

The bulk of fatty acids in the body are obtained via eating. Fatty acid synthase and other fatty acid modifying enzymes, nevertheless, are capable of producing all the different fatty acid structures that the body requires. The highly unsaturated fatty acids linoleic acid and linolenic acid, which include unsaturation sites beyond carbons 9 and 10, are two significant exceptions to this rule. These two fatty acids are regarded as the necessary fatty acids since the body is unable to synthesise them from their precursors. This means that they must be obtained from the food. Humans may get these fats by ingesting a variety of plants or by eating the flesh of animals that have ingested these plant fats since plants are able to synthesise linoleic and linolenic acids.

Steroids

These particular lipids are produced from the lipid cholesterol as a building component. The steroid that is most prevalent in animal bodies is cholesterol. Many steroids, especially the steroid hormones like sex hormones—estrogen, testosterone, and other growth hormones—as well as factors like immuno-suppressive factors and vitamins like vitamin D are produced from the fundamental cholesterol molecule. Steroids and their derivatives are also found in plants, where they serve a range of biological purposes.

Lipids' Chemical Properties

There are many chemical techniques for identifying and measuring fats and lipids. When heated with potassium hydrogen sulphate, glycerol, one of the primary constituents of triglycerides and phospholipids, dehydrates to an unsaturated aldehyde termed acrolein. It is easily recognised because to its very strong odour.

Unsaturated lipids have the ability to discolour halogen-colored liquids like bromine and water. The colour of the solution is caused by the addition of halogens (such as bromine) across the double bonds of unsaturated fatty acids.

Isomerism

When two or more distinct compounds have the same molecular formula but a different structural formula, this is known as isomerism. The phenomenon is known as structural isomerism when the atoms or groups are connected to one another in various ways. Stereoisomerism is a form of isomerism that occurs when atoms are bonded together in the same manner but have distinct spatial configurations. Geometric isomerism and optical isomerism are the two main subtypes of stereoisomerism.

Because there are so many different isomer types, biological molecules may take on a staggering array of shapes. A compound with the simple formula C6H12O6 may represent more than a dozen distinct molecules, each of which can be distinguished from the others by cells and scientists.

Structural Isomerism: The distribution or arrangement of covalent bonds varies between these kinds of isomers. Isomers are the two compounds A and B listed in Figure 4.22. Both of them have the same chemical structure, C2H6O. However, the order of the connections between the atoms varies. It is in the sequence C—O—C in structure A and in the order C—C—O in structure B. Such isomers are referred to as structural isomers. Because the functional group is arranged and positioned differently in compounds C and D, C and D are structural isomers. In addition to having diverse physical and chemical characteristics, structural isomers may also belong to several homologous series. However, while having differing structural formulae, the compounds C and D have the same functional groups. They could thus share chemical characteristics.

Isomerism in geometry

Every arrangement involving geometric isomerism revolves around a double bond. Double bonds prevent linked atoms from rotating freely because they are stiff. Therefore, the existence of a double bond causes the molecule to become stiff in some way. But a ring might possibly be the reason for this. As a consequence, if two distinct groups are wrapped around a double bond, two isomers are always available. For instance, although sharing the identical functional groups and carbon atoms, molecules (a) and (b) are distinct from one another.

Surprisingly, enzymes can quickly distinguish between the two, and they may attach strongly to one molecule while hardly at all to the other. In biology, molecular shape is significant.

The compound is known as the cis isomer when both of its major chain components are on the same side of the double bond, and the trans-isomer when the main chain components cross the double bond. It is not possible to superimpose the two geometric isomers.Geometric isomers often have quite diverse physical characteristics. Geometric isomers often have comparable chemical properties while having differing physical properties because they share the same functional groups in the same environment. Trans molecules often pack closer together than cis molecules when they are solid, giving the trans form a higher melting point.

Aspect Isomerism

Infinitely many planes at a right angle to the direction of propagation vibrate for normal light. It is considered to be non-polarized light in certain circumstances. All but one vibrational plane may be filtered out by certain substances, such as calcite and polaroid. Polarised or plane-polarized light is the end product. However, if two polarising filters are placed in front of a light source and one is rotated in relation to the other, the intensity of the emitted light varies from maximum when the two filters are aligned to zero when they are out of phase. The human eye is unable to distinguish between polarised and non-polarized light. The capacity of many naturally occurring material solutions to rotate the plane of polarised light is referred to as optical activity, and it has been understood for hundreds of years. When 2,3-dihydroxy (tartaric) acid was recrystallized, Louis Pasteur found that two distinct crystal forms were produced. The mirror images of the two different crystal kinds could not be superimposed.

One solution rotated the plane of polarised light to the right (clockwise), whereas the other solution rotated it to the left (anti-clockwise), when the two sets of crystals were dissolved in water. When this phenomena was quantitatively explored, it was shown that solutions of the two optical isomers rotated the plane of polarised light through the same angle (but in different directions) under equal circumstances and at the same concentration. Pasteur proposed that the arrangement of atoms or groups around a central carbon atom was tetrahedral to explain this phenomena (before, it was believed to be square planar, that is, cross-shaped). Due to this, there were two alternative configurations or arrangements when four distinct atoms or groups were linked to the central carbon atom, giving birth to the two optical isomers. Enantiomers or optical isomers are made up of molecules that cannot be superimposed as mirror copies of one another [11], [12].

CONCLUSION

The 5-carbon sugar found in nucleic acids is called deoxyribose sugar in DNA and ribose sugar in ribonucleic acids (RNA). The 5-carbon of the pentose sugar is connected to the phosphoric acid through an ester bond as phosphate residue. N-glycosidic connection binds the nitrogen base to the pentose sugar's carbon-1 atom. Both of these condensation reactions—the production of an ester connection between pentose sugar and phosphoric acid and the development of an N-glycosidic link between the sugar's C-1 and nitrogen bases—lead to the removal of a water molecule. The heterocyclic, highly basic chemicals purine and pyrimidine are the precursors of the nucleotides present in living things. Because they are related with the nucleotides found in DNA and RNA, the chemical basicity of nucleotides has led to the word "bases" being often used to refer to them. Cells include five main types of bases. Adenine and guanine are the names of the pyrimidine derivatives, whereas thymine,

cytosine, and uracil are the names of the derivatives of purine. A, G, T, C, and U are the standard acronyms used for these five bases. The nucleoside formed by the b-N-glycosidic bond between the anomeric carbon (C-1) of ribose and the N9 of a purine or N1 of a pyrimidine is what connects the purine and pyrimidine bases in cells to D-ribose or 2'-deoxy-D-ribose. By creating an ester bond with its 5-terminal OH group, the nucleoside condenses with phosphoric acid to produce a nucleotide. Figure 4.16 illustrates the five different kinds of nucleosides and nucleotides that correspond to the five different nitrogen base types

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CHAPTER 8
THE RATE OF BIOCHEMICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

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ABSTRACT:
Every living thing in the world constantly engages in hundreds of different chemical interactions. The nutrients that are ingested by the cells are converted into several new biomolecules and parts that are unique to each individual cell. This method is used to create sugars, amino acids, organic acids, nucleotides, lipids, and other compounds. Cell metabolism is the collective name for these processes. Every biological process results in the formation or dissolution of a bond. The metabolism of the cell and its energy balance must be seen as interdependent factors since this process typically consumes or produces energy. Each covalent link in a molecule has energy that, when it breaks, is released and may be put to use in different ways. For instance, it may be utilized to create a new link or changed into another kind of energy like motion, heat, light, or electrical energy. Therefore, activation energy is required for a molecule to break down. The majority of these reactions are achievable in chemical labs, but only at very high temperatures and pressures and with certain inorganic or organic catalysts. For a cell that can only employ catalysts, the first two options, high temperature and pressure, are out of the question. Catalysts in biology are always enzymes (proteins). They often need the presence of other molecules for their function. Since enzymes are so specialized, very few useless byproducts are produced. Enzymes allow the cell to carry out many thermodynamically feasible and impractical processes concurrently.

KEYWORDS:
Electron, Light energy, Photosynthetic, Processes, Reaction.

INTRODUCTION

A living cell undergoes a variety of biochemical processes, such as oxidation-reduction reactions, group-transfer reactions, hydrolysis, double bond formation or breakage, transfer of functional groups within molecules to create isomers, and condensation reactions to form C-C, C-S, C-O, and C-N links while using ATP hydrolysis as fuel. Redox Reactions: Oxidations, Reductions, and one of the most significant enzyme-catalyzed processes in a cell is a redox reaction. Transferring one or more electrons from a donor to an acceptor, usually another chemical species, is referred to as oxidation and reduction. The acceptor is reduced and the donor is oxidised.When a material provides electrons, it is referred to as a reductant or reducing agent; when it accepts electrons, it is referred to as an oxidant or oxidising agent. Together, they make form a redox pair[1], [2].

Electron acceptor = e- electron donor

Changes in free energy accompany oxidation-reduction processes. The propensity to provide or take electrons is measured by the free energy. Redox potential or electromotive force are terms used to describe the flow of electrons that may be quantified. When an element is present in a combination with the lowest amount of energy, it is determined to be oxidised to the greatest degree. It is necessary to have a single standard, with a potential that has been

arbitrarily set at zero, in order to show redox processes consistently. This standard is used to compare all other potentials. Conventionally, conventional reduction potentials are defined in relation to the typical hydrogen half-reaction as follows

where H+ and H2(g) are in equilibrium at pH 0, 25°C, and 1 atm. Now it is possible to calculate and connect the redox potential of every redox pair to the common reduction potential. The potential has a V-shaped dimension.

The transfer of H+ ions and electrons, either jointly or independently, or in the form of hydride ions (H-), is a necessary step in every oxidation-reduction process. This is then followed by the conversion of C=O to C—OH, COOH to COH, etc., or vice versa. In biological systems, oxidation and reduction often take place with the help of an enzyme co-factor. The two co-factors FAD/FADH (flavine adenine dinucleotide) and NAD/NADH (nicotinamide adenine nucleotide), which serve as electron and proton acceptors and donors, respectively, are crucial in the enzyme-mediated oxidation-reduction processes. Alcohol dehydrogenase's conversion of alcohol to acetic acid serves as one example. Numerous oxidation-reduction processes occur often in the citric acid cycle, the electron transport system of cellular respiration, and the photophosphorylation in the light reaction of photosynthesis[3], [4].

Formation or Cleavage of C-C Bonds

This one focuses mostly on C-C bonds. As we have seen, carbons are only really reactive when they are activated. This often implies that the carbons are directly coupled with heteroatoms or electron-withdrawing groups (Z), which make the carbon (or the bond it is a part of) very reactive. Because the electron density of the C-C bond is dispersed towards the heteroatoms attached to the carbons, these C-C bonds are typically weaker. C-C bonds are created, for instance, during the production of carbohydrates and fatty acids.

Condensation

A water molecule is often lost when two groups combine. Examples include the extension of a protein via the creation of a peptide bond or the production of a glycosidic link in an oligosaccharide. The production of macromolecules including starch, glycogen, protein, and nucleic acids from their building ingredients includes several processes.

Re-organization(Isomerization)

In an isomerization process, groups or atoms are moved around inside a molecule from one place to another. An isomer is created as a consequence of the displacement of a functional group or fragment in a molecule during these processes. Frequently, we may analyse them in other 'intramolecular' (i.e., inside the same molecule) processes. As an example, consider how an isomerase in the glycolysis stage of glucose metabolism converts glucose-6-phosphate into fructose-6-phosphate. We will find that the majority of enzyme names are related to the process they catalyse.

Reactions to Group-transfer

This is also involved in the biosynthesis, or creation, of certain new molecules from older ones. Transesterification, transamination, and transphosphorilation are the three main categories of group transfer processes. It is possible to attach a functional group or a piece of a molecule to one molecule and transfer it to another. The formation of sugar-phosphate and adenosine diphosphate (ADP) by the transfer of an amine group from one amino acid to

another carboxylic acid by transaminase are two examples that come to mind as the greatest examples of phosphate transfer from adenosine triphosphate (ATP) to sugar[5], [6].

Adenosine triphosphate, or ATP

The nucleotide ATP plays a variety of vital functions in cells. Among ATP's key functions in cellular metabolism are the following:

1.It serves as the primary source of energy for the majority of the cell's energy-intensive processes.

2.A cell has to produce ATP in order to continue functioning. The energy required to power the endergonic phosphorylation of ADP is produced by cellular respiration.

3.It serves as one of the monomers in the production of DNA and, after being converted to deoxyATP (dATP), RNA.

4.It controls several biological processes. It serves a function outside of cells in animals. Its discharge from injured cells may cause discomfort, and its separation from the bladder's stretched wall indicates when the bladder needs to be emptied!

Nutritional Metabolism

Among the several types of carbohydrates, glucose plays a key role in metabolism. The most common source of energy for most organisms is glucose. The metabolic breakdown of glucose also produces a variety of intermediates that serve as the building blocks for a number of other biomolecules, including lipids, nucleotides, and amino acids.

Oxidising food molecules, such as glucose, to produce carbon dioxide and water is the process of cellular respiration. The energy released is captured in the form of ATP and used by all of the cell's energy-intensive processes.

There are two stages to the process:

The process of glycolysis converts glucose into pyruvic acid.

Pyruvic acid completely oxidises to carbon dioxide and water.

Glycolysis occurs in the cytosol in eukaryotes. The remaining operations occur in mitochondria.

The Cycle of Citric Acid

The primary process of aerobic respiration is the citric-acid cycle, often known as the tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA cycle). There are the following reactions that happen throughout this metabolic process:

The conversion of pyruvic acid to acetyl CoA by a multienzyme complex in the matrix of the mitochondrion is the connection between glycolysis and the krebscycle.Oxaloacetic acid, a four-carbon molecule, and the acetic acid from acetyl CoA combine to generate the six-carbon citric acid molecule.The process's name-giving citric acid molecule travels through the sequence of enzymatic processes shown in the figure. The remaining processes that make up one cycle turn include the degradation of citric acid back to oxaloacetic acid. As part of the citric acid cycle:

The pyruvic acid's three carbon atoms left as molecules of carbon dioxide (CO2) when it reached the mitochondrion.NAD+ receives a pair of electrons (2e-) that are then transferred, reducing it to NADH + H+.Succinic acid loses two electrons, which transforms FAD into FADH2.Oxidative phosphorylation and the electron transport chain

When NADH and FADH2 transfer their electrons to a system of electron carriers buried in the mitochondrial cristae, oxidative phosphorylation, which produces the majority of the ATP from the energy stored in glucose, takes place. The electron transport chain is made up of a series of progressively more electronegative parts, starting with a flavoprotein and moving on to an iron-sulfur protein, ubiquinone, and a series of cytochrome proteins with iron-containing heme groups, before arriving at oxygen, which is extremely electronegative. The chain's components accept electrons from NADH and FADH2, switching between reduced and oxidised states while transmitting electrons down an energy pathway gradient to oxygen, which takes up two hydrogen ions and turns them into water. The other electron carriers are found in three groups of integrated complexes and are connected by two mobile components, Q and cytochrome c. The proton-motive force is an electrochemical gradient that stores energy by translocating H+ from the matrix to the intermembrane space at three points along the chain as a result of the structural order of the carriers. The endergonic phosphorylation of ADP is fueled by the exergonic transit of hydrogen ions via the ATP synthase complexes on the christae as they diffuse back into the matrix. The effects of several respiratory toxins support the chemiosmotic theory of ATP production[7], [8].

Photosynthesis

The sun is the main source of energy for almost all types of life on earth. Photosynthesis, which takes place in plants, algae, and certain kinds of bacteria, is the process through which sunlight is converted into energy and introduced into the biosphere. Photosynthesis produces all of the food we consume and all of the fossil fuels we utilise. The physico-chemical mechanism by which photosynthetic organisms employ light energy to propel the synthesis of organic molecules is known as photosynthesis. A collection of intricate pigment and protein molecules, which are found in and around a highly organised membrane that is a component of the chloroplast, are necessary for the photosynthetic process. The photosynthetic apparatus converts light energy via a sequence of energy-converting events into a stable form that can last for hundreds of millions of years (for example, fossil fuels). Carbon dioxide (CO2) is reduced to carbohydrates in a series of relatively intricate events in order to be converted by all photosynthetic organisms into organic matter. The final source of the electrons for this reduction process is water, which is divided into oxygen and protons by light energy that is absorbed by photosynthetic pigments, chiefly chlorophylls and carotenoids.

Organisms That Synthesize Light

Photosynthetic organisms fall into two categories, and they all rely on chlorophyll pigments to transform light energy into chemical energy. As follows: Oxygenic photosynthesis-producing creatures and a photosynthetic organism that uses oxygen.

Oxygenic Photosynthetic Organisms:

All plants, algae, and certain kinds of photosynthetic bacteria engage in the photosynthetic process, which includes converting CO2 to carbohydrates and removing electrons from water to produce oxygen. The photosystem II reaction centre, a multi-subunit protein found in the photosynthetic membrane, oxidises water during this process, which is also referred to as oxygenic photosynthesis[9], [10].

An-oxygenic Photosynthetic Organisms:

A small number of photosynthetic bacteria have been shown to be able to harvest electrons from molecules other than water, such as H2S, using light energy. As a result, oxygen does not evolve. These creatures are thought to have existed before oxygenic photosynthetic organisms and are thought to be of ancient origin. Some kinds of gramme positive bacteria, green sulphur bacteria, green gliding bacteria, and purple bacteria are anoxygenic photosynthetic organisms.

Artificial Pigments

Chlorophyll and carotenoids are the two major pigments used in photosynthetic processes. Chlorophyll a and chlorophyll b are the two primary forms of chlorophylls, however there are other varieties as well. Carotene and xanthophyll are examples of carotenoids. Higher plants and green algae have these photosynthetic pigments. Green and yellow light are not efficiently absorbed by photosynthetic pigments in plants, whereas blue and red light and blue-green light are absorbed by chlorophylls and carotenoids, respectively (Figure 4.36). As a result, the light of various hues is either reflected by or transmitted through the leaves. Chlorophyll and creatures that engage in photosynthetic processes are hence green.

Red or blue pigments called phycobilins are found in other photosynthetic species such cyanobacteria, blue-green algae, and red algae. They have the ability to absorb visible light wavelengths that chlorophyll and carotenoids are less successful in absorbing. Other species, including purple and green bacteria, have bacteriochlorophyll, which not only absorbs blue light but also the infrared. These bacteria produce photosynthesis in an oxygen-free environment; they did not develop from oxygen. For photosynthesis, these bacteria effectively use infrared light. Above 700 nm in wavelength, infrared light is invisible to the human eye. Some types of bacteria have the ability to absorb infrared light with wavelengths up to 1000 nm.

Chloroplast

Chloroplasts, which are tiny organelles found within eukaryotic cells, are where photosynthesis takes place. An outer membrane, an inner membrane, and an intermembrane gap make up a chloroplast. A matrix known as the stroma is enclosed by the double membrane. The stroma has a network of lamellae, or double-layered membranes. Some of these lamellae are disc-shaped, encompassing an interior chamber and a double membrane separating it from the outside. The thylakoid membranes are such disc-double membranes that enclose an interior space. A molecule must cross the thylakoid membrane's double membrane system in order to go from the inner stroma to the outer stroma. The grana, also known as a stalk of thylakoid membranes, is a structure. The membranes of thylakoids contain colours such as chlorophyll and other auxiliary pigments. Cyanobacteria, prochlorophytes, and photosynthetic bacteria (anoxygenic organisms) are examples of more primitive photosynthetic organisms that lack chloroplasts and other organelles. The distribution of the photosynthetic pigments in these organisms is either in the membrane enclosing the cytoplasm, in the infoldings of the cell membrane, or, as in the case of cyanobacteria, in the membrane-like structures known as thylakoid membranes centre where a number of electron-transfer reactions—the flow of electrons from one molecule to another—are powered by light energy. These processes cause the charge to separate across a biological membrane. The photophosphorylation process, which produces ATP molecules, uses the charge difference across the membranes (chloroplast membranes), and the reducing power, NADPH +, also uses this charge difference. The light reaction of photosynthesis is made up of all these processes, as well as the accompanying photophosphorylation and the

electron-transport system. The light process of photosynthesis produces NADPH + and ATP, which are employed as reducing agents to convert CO2 into glucose (C6H12O6). This independently occurring CO2 fixation process, often known as the "dark reaction" or the "Calvin cycle,"of light and is accomplished by a number of metabolic processes that occur in the chloroplast matrix.

Antenna and Response Centers

The antenna, which directly harvests the light energy and transfers it to a specific chlorophyll molecule known as the reaction centre, where the actual photochemical event leading to the charge separation takes place, is composed of a large number of pigment molecules (100 to 5000) grouped together. The goal is to keep the reaction center's electron transfer rate high even under low light conditions. The size of the photosynthetic antenna is adjustable in many systems, and organisms that use photosynthesis will typically have more antenna pigments per reaction centre while developing in low light conditions (such as the shadow). A portion of the photosynthetic electron transport chain may be shut off at high light intensities, however, if the light intensity exceeds its capacity. Photoinhibition is the term for this.

System for Photosynthetic Electron Transport

Energy may take on a variety of forms thanks to the light reaction. Figure 4.39 provides a diagrammatic representation of it. The reaction centre receives the energy that the antenna pigments absorb from the light. The reaction center's molecule will be in an excited electronic state when it receives enough photons, leading to the expulsion of one electron from the molecule. A lengthy sequence of redox (reduction-oxidation) processes are launched by the first electron-transfer reaction or charge separation in the photosynthetic reaction centre. These reactions send the electron down a chain of cofactors and proteins before eventually filling the "electron hole" on the chlorophyll. The two kinds of reaction centres known as photosystem II and photosystem I (PS II and PS I, respectively) are present in all photosynthetic organisms that create oxygen (oxygenic). They both reside in thylakoid membranes as pigment-protein complexes. The complex known as Photosystem II (PS II) is where water splitting and oxygen evolution take place.

An electron is taken from a neighbouring amino acid (tyrosine), which is a component of the surrounding protein, which in turn receives an electron from the water splitting complex, upon oxidation of the reaction centre chlorophyll in PS II. Electrons leave the PS II reaction centre and go to the thylakoid membrane's plastoquinone, a free electron-carrying molecule, and then to the cytochrome b6f complex, another membrane-protein complex. In a manner that is essentially identical to PS II, the second photosystem, PS I, also catalyses light-induced charge separation. Light is captured by an antenna and transported to the reaction centre chlorophyll, where light-induced charge separation is started. But in PS I, electrons finally go from NADP (nicotinamide adenosine dinucleotide phosphate) to NADPH2 to create the reduced form. This has the potential to repair carbon. The cytochrome b6f complex finally donates another electron to the chlorophyll, the oxidised reaction centre. Therefore, water oxidation (generating oxygen) and the production of NADPH2 are the consequences of electron transport from water via PS II and PS I to NADP[11], [12].

CONCLUSION

Two quanta of light are used in this procedure to power each electron that travels through the whole chain. Light is necessary for the transport of electrons from water to NADP, and this process is associated with the creation of a proton gradient across the thylakoid membrane.

Adenosine triphosphate, or ATP, is a highly energetic compound that is made using this proton gradient molecule. In a mechanism unrelated to light, CO2 is fixed by the utilization of decreased NADP and ATP produced as a consequence of light reactions. In higher plants and algae, there are two different kinds of electron transport systems in use. One is the non-cyclic electron-transport system, which splits the water molecule and releases oxygen while forming ATP and NADPH2. This works under typical circumstances when PII and PI will collaborate. However, under some conditions, just the PSI will be active, which results in ATP being produced alone. Since NADPH2 is not produced, there is no oxygen evolution.

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CHAPTER 9
NITROGEN FIXATION AND NITROGEN CYCLE

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ABSTRACT:
The availability of minerals is necessary for all creatures to flourish, but nitrogen is especially crucial since it is needed in vast quantities to form proteins, nucleic acids, and other key components of cells. Nearly 80% of the nitrogen in the earth's atmosphere exists as the gas N2, which is in plentiful supply. The triple bond formed by the two nitrogen atoms prevents most organisms from using N2, which makes the molecule almost inert. Nitrogen must be "fixed" (combined) into nitrate (NO3) or ammonium (NH4) ions before it can be utilized for growth. In all locations where there is a suitable climate and enough water to sustain life, nitrogen is thus often the limiting element for growth and biomass production. The atmospheric nitrogen is transformed into a form that may be used, such as ammonium and nitrate ions, which are taken up by plants and transferred to animals in the form of proteins and amino acids. It is then recycled and released into the atmosphere. The nitrogen cycle describes how nitrogen moves from the atmosphere via living things and back to the atmosphere. The nitrogen cycle primarily consists of three stages: DE nitrification, which releases molecular nitrogen into the atmosphere, assimilation of inorganic nitrogen (NO -, NH -) to organic nitrogen such as amino acids, and nitrogen fixation.

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INTRODUCTION

Nearly all facets of the nitrogen cycle and, by extension, maintaining life on Earth, depend heavily on microorganisms. Some bacteria have the ability to fix nitrogen, turning it from N2 to ammonia. These bacteria are either free-living or associate with plants or other creatures (such as termites or protozoa) in symbiotic relationships. Ammonia is converted to nitrate by other bacteria, and nitrate is then converted to N2 or other nitrogen gases. Numerous bacteria and fungi break down organic material, releasing fixed nitrogen that may be recycled by other species. The nitrogen cycle is influenced by all of these activities. Prior to discussing the microbiological activities involved in the cycling of nitrogen in the biosphere, we will first discuss the process of nitrogen fixation and the species that engage in it[1], [2].

Fixation of Nitrogen

The process of converting atomic nitrogen into reduced forms like NO3 and NH4 ions is known as nitrogen fixation. Microorganisms use the nitrogen fixation (also known as dinitrogen fixation) process to convert a significant amount of N2 into ammonia, which is subsequently converted into proteins. Lightning only produces a little quantity of ammonia. The Haber-Bosch process, which uses an iron-based catalyst, very high pressures, and moderately high temperature to convert nitrogen (or dinitrogen) into proteins, is another way that ammonia is manufactured commercially.

Organisms that fix nitrogen

Prokaryotes (bacteria) are all creatures capable of fixing nitrogen. Some of them—the so-called free-living nitrogen-fixing bacteria—live independently of other living things. Others have close symbiotic relationships with plants or other creatures (like protozoa). Table 4.9 provides examples.

The fact that the nitrogenase enzyme complex is very sensitive to oxygen is of particular importance. When oxygen is present, it combines with the proteins' iron component, rendering it inactive. Although this won't affect anaerobic bacteria, it might pose a serious threat to aerobic species like cyanobacteria, which produce oxygen during photosynthesis, and soil-based aerobic free-living bacteria like azotobacter and beijerinckia. These species use a variety of strategies to deal with the issue. For instance, the azotobacter species may safeguard the enzyme by maintaining a very low quantity of oxygen in their cells since they have the highest known rate of respiratory metabolism of any creature. Extracellular polysaccharides are abundantly produced by Azotobacter species as well as rhizobium species in culture. These bacteria may reduce the oxygen diffusion rate to the cells by keeping water inside the polysaccharide slime layer. Leghemoglobin, an oxygen-scavenging molecule that appears pink when the active nitrogen-fixing nodules of legume roots are sliced open, may be found in the root nodules of symbiotic nitrogen-fixing organisms like rhizobium. Similar to how haemoglobin controls the oxygen supply to mammalian tissues, leghemoglobin may control the oxygen supply to the nodule tissues. Nitrogen fixation occurs in special cells called heterocysts, which only have photosystem I (used to generate ATP by light-mediated reactions), whereas the other cells have both photosystem I and photosystem II (which generates oxygen when light energy is used to split water to supply H2 for the synthesis of organic compounds). This is one more way that some cyanobacteria protect nitrogenase[3], [4].

Symbioses in Legume

The root nodules of legumes (peas, beans, clovers, etc.) are the most well-known examples of nitrogen-fixing symbioses. Rhizobium species are often the bacteria in these leguminous relationships, although small-celled rhizobia such as bradyrhizobium create the root nodules of soybeans, chickpeas, and certain other legumes. Other genera create the nodules on certain tropical leguminous plants. In each scenario, the bacteria "invade" the plant and encourage localised cell growth in the plant host, which results in the creation of a nodule. However, a membrane keeps the bacteria constantly isolated from the host cytoplasm, which is a need for symbioses. Leghemoglobin, an oxygen-scavenging molecule that performs the same function as the oxygen-carrying haemoglobin in blood, is found in the plant tissues of nodules where nitrogen-fixation is taking place. This chemical helps safeguard the nitrogen-fixing enzyme nitrogenase, which is permanently inactivated by oxygen, by lowering the quantity of free oxygen in nodules[5], [6].

Relationships with Frankie

A genus of filamentous bacteria known for producing spores that may travel through the air, actinomycetes, includes Frankia. The common soil-dwelling streptomyces species, which provide many of the antibiotics used in medicine, are included in this category. It is possible that Frankia species are specialisedsymbionts since they are slow-growing in culture and need specialised media. With a variety of woody plants from various families, such as alder (Alnus

species), sea buckthorn (Hippophaerhamnoides), and casuarina, they create nitrogen-fixing root nodules (also known as actinorhizae).

DISCUSSION

Associations of Cyanobacteria

In early ecosystems like desert soils, photosynthetic cyanobacteria often exist as free-living organisms. In other early habitats, they coexist with lichens as symbionts. Additionally, they have symbiotic relationships with other creatures including cycads and the water fern Azolla. It has sometimes been shown that the relationship with Azolla, where cyanobacteria (Anabaena azollae) are stored in the leaves, is crucial for nitrogen inputs in rice fields, particularly if the fern is allowed to develop and then ploughed into the soil to release nitrogen before the rice crop is grown.Therefore, the only sources of nitrogen that will be accessible to promote new development are those that come from fixing atmospheric nitrogen (route 6 in the picture) or from the release of ammonium or other simple organic nitrogen molecules during the breakdown of organic materials (pathway 2). Other phases of this cycle are controlled by specialised microorganism groups[7], [8].

Nitrification

The process of turning ammonium into nitrate is referred to as nitrification (pathway 3-4). This is caused by nitrifying bacteria, which are designed to use ammonium oxidation to produce energy while utilising CO2 as a source of carbon to create organic molecules. These kinds of organisms are known as chemoautotrophs since they don't rely on pre-formed organic materials (chemo-) and autotrophs (self-feeders) because they produce their own energy via chemical oxidations. These bacteria's oxidation of ammonium is conceptually equivalent to how humans oxidise glucose to produce energy. In theory, their usage of CO2 to create organic matter is the same as that of plants.The majority of soils and waterways with a moderate pH contain nitrifying bacteria, although these organisms do not function in very acidic soils. Because some of them (such as the nitrosomonas species) are specialised to convert ammonium to nitrite (NO -), while others (such as the Nitrobacter - 2 species) are specialised to convert nitrite to nitrate (NO3), they are generally often found as mixed-species communities (referred to as consortia). In reality, the buildup of nitrite inhibits nitrosomonas, therefore nitrobacter must convert it to nitrate, while nitrobacter must produce nitrite from nitrosomonas.

Because the nitrifying bacteria are so prevalent, the majority of the ammonium in oxygenated soil or natural waterways is easily converted to nitrate, which has some significant environmental repercussions. Ammonium or nitrate may be absorbed by the majority of plants and microorganisms (arrows with the number "1" in the picture). However, nitrification has a few unfavourable side effects. Due to its positive charge, the ammonium ion (NH +) is easily absorbed onto the clay colloids and soil organic matter are negatively charged, which prevents rainwater from washing it out of the soil. The negatively charged nitrate ion, in contrast, is not retained by soil particles and may thus be washed down the soil profile. Leaching is the procedure (arrow 7 in the figure). This may decrease soil fertility by allowing vital nitrogen to be lost from the soil. The nitrates may then build up in the groundwater and eventually end up in the drinking water. Because nitrates may be converted by bacteria in the anaerobic environment of the gut to highly reactive nitrites, there are rigorous guidelines controlling the quantity of nitrate that can be present in drinking water. When nitrates attach to haemoglobin after being ingested from the stomach, they lessen the

protein's ability to deliver oxygen. This may cause respiratory distress in newborn neonates, sometimes known as "blue baby syndrome." Additionally, amino acids and nitrite in the stomach may interact to generate the extremely carcinogenic nitrosamines[9], [10].

De-nitrification

The process by which nitrates are changed into gaseous chemicals (nitric oxide, nitrous oxide, and N2) by microorganisms is referred to as de-nitrification. When growing on organic materials in anaerobic settings, many different species of bacteria carry out this process. They substitute nitrate for oxygen as the terminal electron acceptor since there isn't enough oxygen available for typical aerobic respiration. Anaerobic respiration is what is meant by the following examples:

In aerobic respiration (as in humans), oxygen is reduced to water while organic molecules are oxidised to produce energy. Any compound that may be reduced to nitrite, nitric oxide, nitrous oxide, or N2 in the absence of oxygen might perform the same function. So a supply of oxidizable organic matter and (2) a lack of oxygen but the presence of reducible nitrogen sources characterize the environments in which we discover denitrifying organisms. The sequential utilization of nitrate, nitrite, nitric oxide, and nitrous oxide as electron acceptors in anaerobic respiration often results in a mixture of gaseous nitrogen products. Numerous types of bacillus, alkaligenes, and pseudomonas are among the prevalent denitrifying bacteria. Their actions cause significant nitrogen losses into the atmosphere, approximately offsetting the annual rate of nitrogen fixing.

Relative To a Precursor's Product

There are several metabolic routes present in biological systems. These bioreactions involve the production of big compounds from tiny ones. In these processes, the precursor of a metabolically active molecule is the product is known as the precursor. The nature of the metabolically active molecule determines the precursor. The precursors are the monomers, which are the macromolecules' building components if we think of them as the active product. Some of the precursors and products are included in the table below. However, the precursor refers to a molecule's immediate inactive state when it comes to active proteins or other compounds. For instance, the peptide hormone insulin is an active molecule, whereas pro insulin is its precursor in an inactive state. In a similar vein, pro thrombin is the precursor of thrombin, the blood's natural coagulant.

Sub-molecular Assembly

The simultaneous and varied biochemical reactions that are occurring within live cells at all times are crucial to the phenomena of life. These distinct molecular and cellular architectures enable all of these metabolic reactions. For instance, ribosomes are the name given to the structures and biological membranes. These are an assortment of various macromolecules that have been put together in a very particular way to serve their intended purpose.

Nature's inorganic molecules, like as CO2, N2, and H2O, are absorbed to form complex molecules like monosaccharides, ammonia, amino acids, and fatty acids, among others. These biomolecules serve as the building blocks or monomers for the synthesis of a wide range of very complex macromolecules, including proteins, polysaccharides, nucleic acids, lipids, and other kinds of organic molecules. As a result of the macromolecules' interactions, conjugated molecular assemblies such lipoproteins, glycoproteins, nucleic acid protein complexes, etc. are created. These macromolecular complexes come together to produce the distinct

supramolecular assemblies that give rise to cellular components including ribosomes, chromosomes, plasma membranes, mitochondrial membranes, chloroplasts, and other organelles with membranes that are specialised for performing various tasks. Some of the supra-molecular cell assemblages include the following:

Plasma membranes are made up of proteins, lipids, and lipoproteins along with a minor amount of carbohydrates.Protein, nucleic acids, chromatin components, and chromosomes. Protein + carbs Peptdoglycans and glycoproteins important in hormones and cell-to-cell communication, parts of bacterial cell walls, etc.Membrane elements include lipids and carbohydrates. Protein translation is done by ribosomes, which are made up of proteins and ribonucleic acids.

Bioinformatics

The handling of computer data in biotechnology research fields like genomics and proteomics gave rise to the relatively new field of bioinformatics. More than ever, robust data management systems and computational methods are needed to store, exchange, analyse, and compare the growing body of biological knowledge. Bioinformatics is a brand-new branch of science that deals with problems, difficulties, and opportunities brought about by biological databases. The goal of bioinformatics is to find patterns and relationships inside and across collections of biological data by using the techniques of mathematics, computer science, and biology.

Databases of Life

In order to organise, categorise, and provide systematic access to the data produced by biotechnology research in the fields of proteomics and genomics, databases have to be built. The two primary purposes of biological databases are as follows: To provide scientists with access to biological data. A certain sort of information should, wherever feasible, be accessible in a single location (book, website, and database). Finding or gaining access to published data may be challenging, and gathering it from literature takes a lot of work. Furthermore, not all data is really included in articles. To provide biological data in a machine-readable format. Data must initially be in computer-readable form (rather being written on paper), since biological data analysis nearly usually includes computers. The 1965 book "Atlas of Protein Sequences and Structures" by Margaret DayHoff and colleagues was possibly one of the earliest biological sequence databases. The book was updated long into the 1970s and featured the protein sequences that had been established at the time. The PIR database was built using the data from this source.

Once the computer was within the reach of regular scientists, it quickly became the preferred storing method. Databases were first delivered on tape, then on several types of discs. It is simple to see why the internet—or its forerunners, national computer networks—became the preferred media once universities and other academic institutions were linked to it. And it is much simpler to see why the World Wide Web has become the de facto mode of communication and access for almost all biological databases in existence today. Through the World Wide Web, databases may now be freely accessible from a vast number of computer-based databases. The ncbi.nlm.nih.gov website is the biotechnology and bioinformatics database that receives the most visits. It is the National Institutes of Health's official website. It is often used for several scientific objectives. For genomics, proteomics, and other sorts of biological databases, it has different databases.

To improve our knowledge of life at the molecular level, the multidisciplinary study of bioinformatics combines biology, computer science, mathematics, and data analysis. Bioinformatics is essential for unravelling the mysteries of living creatures in a world where biological data is being produced at an unheard-of rate. This article digs deep into the realm of bioinformatics, examining its background, fundamental ideas, applications, difficulties, and potential in the future.

Bioinformatics Introduction

The term "bioinformatics," a combination of the words "biology" and "informatics," first appeared in the late 20th century in reaction to the molecular biology data boom. As a result of high-throughput technologies like DNA sequencing and microarrays, biologists are now faced with massive volumes of data that need to be analysed using specialised computer techniques. By organising, analysing, and interpreting this data, bioinformatics gave researchers the tools they needed to find hidden patterns and obtain a better understanding of biological processes.

Historical Perspective

When scientists first started to unravel the genetic code in the early stages of molecular biology, bioinformatics was born. Important dates include:

The Double Helix the 1953 discovery of the DNA double helix by James Watson and Francis Crick provided the theoretical framework for understanding how genetic information is stored.One of the earliest public DNA sequence databases, GenBank was introduced by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1982. It provides access to genetic information for researchers all around the globe.The HGP was a historic initiative to sequence the whole human genome. It began in 1990 and was finished in 2003. It demonstrated the effectiveness of bioinformatics in organising and evaluating enormous genetic data.

Important Bioinformatics Concepts

The field of bioinformatics spans a broad range of ideas and methods. Among the crucial areas are:Sequence analysis is the study of DNA, RNA, and protein sequences with an emphasis on activities like motif identification, sequence alignment, and protein structure and function prediction. Genes, regulatory components, and other functional elements within a genome are identified and annotated as part of genome annotation.

Phylogenetics:

Based on genetic information, phylogenetics is the study of evolutionary connections between species. To represent these connections, it employs techniques like phylogenetic trees.

Structure-based biology:

Protein structure prediction and analysis are within the purview of structural bioinformatics. In order to find new drugs and forecast how proteins will function, methods like molecular docking and homology modelling are used.

Functional Genomics:

On a broad scale, functional genomics seeks to comprehend how genes and proteins work. This comprises methods like proteomics, which studies proteins, and transcriptomics, which studies how genes are expressed.

Metagenomics:

By analysing the genetic material in environmental samples, meta-genomics sheds light on microbial populations and their roles.

Applications of Bioinformatics

Numerous biological fields and companies use bioinformatics for a variety of purposes, including:

Bioinformatics helps to speed up the drug development process by discovering possible therapeutic targets and predicting medication interactions. Personalised medicine uses genomic data analysis to personalise medical care for each patient, maximising effectiveness and reducing negative effects.Crop development initiatives use genomics to create more resilient and productive crops.Met genomics supports environmental conservation efforts by monitoring and analysing the microbial diversity in environments.The development of genetically engineered organisms for a variety of uses, including the generation of biofuel and bioremediation, is supported by bioinformatics.Examining a person's genetic information enables genetic counselling and illness risk assessment.

Bioinformatics Problems

Despite having enormous promise, bioinformatics confronts a number of difficulties:

Effective storage, administration, and analysis techniques are required due to the exponential rise of biological data.Data integration is a challenging process that calls for standardized formats and ontologies.The development of precise and effective algorithms for data processing continues to be a problem.In the age of personalised medicine, it is essential to safeguard confidential genetic and medical data from hacks.Bioinformatics brings up moral conundrums as the exploitation of genetic data for prejudice or unauthorised access[11], [12].

CONCLUSION

Cycads and cyanobacteria work together in symbiosis to develop small, club-shaped, branching roots that expand into the aerial environment. The cyanobacterialsymbiont that fixes nitrogen is present in these aerial roots. In addition to these specific and intense symbiotic relationships, a number of free-living nitrogen-fixing bacteria also coexist closely with plants. For instance, it has been shown that some azospirillum species may fix nitrogen when they are grown in the root zone (rhizosphere) of tropical grasses or even in the field with maize plants. The rhizosphere of many plants may also fix nitrogen when certain azotobacter species are present. In both situations, carbohydrates and other nutrients that seep from the roots are sacrificed in order for the bacteria to flourish. However, since nitrogen fixation is an energy-intensive process and substantial quantities of organic resources are not always accessible to microorganisms in the rhizosphere, these bacteria can only contribute a modest amount to the nitrogen nutrition of the plant. The bacteria that reside in root nodules or other close symbiotic relationships with plants could be exempt from this restriction. An estimated 20% of the total photosynthate may be used by nitrogen fixation in the nodules of clover roots or other leguminous plants. A significant fraction of the total fixed nitrogen will

always be stored in the biomass or in the extinct species' remnants (referred to collectively as "organic matter").

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CHAPTER 10
STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF MACROMOLECULES

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ABSTRACT:
According to the preceding chapter's discussion, carbohydrates are made up of monosaccharides, disaccharides, oligosaccharides, and polysaccharides. Simple sugars, often known as monosaccharides, serve as the building blocks or monomers from which other forms are assembled. Two monosaccharide residues connected by glycosidic linkages make up disaccharides. This bond develops between the OH group of the anomeric carbon of one sugar (carbon No. 1) and the OH group of any other carbon atom of another sugar, ideally in the 4th or 6th position. In the case of oligosaccharides, the number of monomers ranges from three to ten, but it is undetermined in the case of polysaccharides. The polymers of sugars and their numerous derivatives, such as glucosamine and galactosamine, bound together by glycosidic linkages, are referred to as polysaccharides. Based on the anomer kinds of the sugar (such as -D glucose or -D-Glucose), there are two different forms of glycosidic connections. Both -glycosidic Linkages and -glycosidic Linkages are involved. Storage polysaccharides and structural polysaccharides are additional categories for polysaccharides based on how they operate in biological systems. Polysaccharides are mostly stored as starch in plants and as glycogen in mammals. They serve as both plants' and animals' primary sources of energy.

KEYWORDS:
Amino, Bonds, Polypeptide, Proteins, Structure.

INTRODUCTION

Additionally, there are polysaccharides that sustain the organism as a whole as well as the cells or individual cell components mechanically. The structural polysaccharides are these polysaccharides. The primary component of plant cell walls and the most prevalent biopolymer in the biosphere is cellulose, a structural polysaccharide. Other examples of structural polysaccharides include the substance that makes up the exoskeleton of insects, chitin, and the primary components of bacterial cell walls, peptidoglycan.Homopolysaccharides and heteropolysaccharides are terms used to describe polysaccharides that are made up of different types of sugars or sugar derivatives, respectively. Homopolysaccharides are defined as those that include the same kind of monomers or sugars. Polysaccharides A-glycosidic Linkages containing the polymer of glucose units connected by -1 > 4 or -1 > 6 links is known as starch. Polysaccharides are mostly stored in plants as starch. Starch is often a blend of the two forms of glucose chains, amylose and amylopectin. Amylose molecules are unbranched, straight chains of glucose units connected by -1 > 4 connections. They are polydispers, like the majority of polysaccharides, which means that the number of glucosyl residues is arbitrary and may vary from several hundred to a few thousand[1], [2].

Typically, the pyranose ring appears in the boat shape. The polysaccharides chain's helical conformation is caused by the -1 > 4 connections. The inner diameter of the helix is sufficient

for the deposit of elementary iodine, which results in the formation of a blue complex (proof of starch). Branchings are a characteristic of amylopectin. A molecule is made up of 2,000–200,000 glycosyl residues. On average, branching involves -1 > 6 linkages every 20th residue. Within cells, starch is found as stacked starch grains. For each species, the starch granules have a unique structure. The structure of glycogen is identical to that of amylopectin, with the exception that glycogen branches at a faster pace than amylopectin does. Every eighth to tenth glucose residue, there is a branching event caused by -1 > 6 connections. Because of this, glycogen molecules are smaller than starch molecules and may hold more glucose units per molecule. Animals store carbs as glycogen, which is found in their muscles and liver.Polysaccharides A-glycosidic Linkages containing cellulose is a linear molecule that does not branch. Hydrogen connections between adjacent cellulose chains may occur, resulting in the development of microfibrils with partly crystalline portions (micelles). The most significant structural element in the cell walls of almost all green plants is cellulose. The -1 > 4-glycosidic connections connect the glucose units[2], [3].

Proteins

The actions of every cell are significantly influenced by proteins or polypeptides. They function as biological catalysts (i.e., enzymes), participate in the control of cellular metabolism and cell-to-cell communication, and are necessary for the formation of certain structures. They are linear chains made up of a series of 20 amino acids arranged in various ways and joined only by peptide bonds. The various amino acid combinations and sequences are what give proteins their varied structure and functionality. The main amino group of one amino acid reacts with the primary carboxyl group of another amino acid, resulting in the formation of peptide bonds with the elimination of a water molecule (Figure 5.8). It is a condensation reaction as a result. The polypeptide chain develops polarity as a result of this kind of connection. The C-terminus is the end that is terminated by a free carboxyl group, whereas the N-terminus is the end that is terminated by an amino group. Since protein synthesis occurs from the N- to the C-terminus, amino acid sequences are written in this manner. The nucleotide sequence of the gene, the section of the DNA strand that codes for the protein, determines the precise sequence of amino acids, commonly known as the protein's fundamental structure. The amino-acid sequence of the polypeptide directly affects both the protein's three-dimensional structure and its ability to perform its intended function. In terms of complexity, proteins may be divided into three categories. Simple proteins are those that consist just of a single polypeptide chain. Complex proteins are those proteins that have two or more polypeptide chains. In certain instances, the prosthetic group, a non-protein component, is linked to the protein molecule. Conjugated proteins are those that fit this description. Metalloid ions, like Zn+ in the case of carbonic anhydrase, or organic molecules, like vitamin derivatives like NAD and NADP, nucleotides like ATP and GTP, or even sugars, oligosaccharides, or different kinds of lipids, may make up the non-protein component.

Protein Composition

The peptide is first hydrolyzed into its individual amino acids by boiling in 6 N HCl at 110°C for 24 hours in order to ascertain the makeup of amino acids. By using ion-exchange chromatography, the amino acids in the hydrolysate may be isolated, and then they can be hydrolyzed by interacting with ninhydrin. When processed in this manner, alpha amino acids produce a vivid blue colour, while amino acids like proline produce a yellow colour. The optical absorbance of a solution after being heated with ninhydrin is inversely related to the concentration of amino acids in the solution. A microgram (10 n mol or nanograms) of an

amino acid may be found using this method. One may go on to sequence the amino acids for a certain protein or polypeptide if they have knowledge of the relative amounts of each amino acid and their makeup[4], [5].

DISCUSSION

Because it is crucial to understand the structure and function of a protein, as well as because it may aid in locating and isolating the gene coding for the protein, the amino acid sequence of a protein is highly significant. In order to analyse many proteins, having at least a partial amino acid sequence is thus essential. The peptide hormone insulin, which regulates blood glucose levels and whose absence may result in the metabolic mistake known as diabetes, was the first protein to be sequenced. Frederic Sanger, a Nobel Laureate, demonstrated for the first time that proteins have a distinct amino acid sequence and a unique three-dimensional structure that is governed by the amino acid sequence.

He discovered that some chemicals, such as the Sanger's reagent fluoro-dinitro-benzene (FDNB), may preferentially react with the free NH2 group of the amino acid at the N-terminal of a polypeptide. When fluoro-DNB combines with the N-terminal amino acid, a yellow DNP derivative of the amino acid is produced. Ion-exchange chromatography may be used to separate and identify this yellow DNP derivative. The same patient cannot have this operation sample of polypeptide since the acid hydrolysis stage completely hydrolyzed the peptide. Sanger, however, was able to sequence insulin using this method using fresh peptide samples in each cycle of studies. He consumed more insulin than a gramme to do this assignment. Because of the aforementioned drawback, this approach is now only used to identify the N-terminal amino acid of a polypeptide and is not employed for sequencing[6], [7].

Degradation Reaction to Edman

The Edman degradation method is now the most used direct protein-sequencing approach. The Edman reaction is a chain of chemical processes that removes one amino acid at a time from a protein's amino terminus, generating an amino acid derivative called phenylthiohydantoin (PTH), which can be recognised using reversed phase chromatography. The terminal amino acid's NH2 group and the Edman reagent, phenylthiocyanate, react to generate the intermediate, phenylthiocarbomyle derivative. Figure 5.9 displays a condensed schematic representation of the procedure. The Edman technique comprises of three chemical processes that take place under various pH circumstances, allowing for the progressive release of amino acids from the amino terminal.

The coupling process which takes place at high pH levels and causes the synthesis of phenylthiocarbamoylated (PTC) amino groups on the protein, is the first stage. The release of an anilionothiazolinone (ATZ) form of the amino acid and the regeneration of a free amino terminus on the protein are the results of the second reaction, which takes place during the cleavage stage at low pH. The phenylthiohydantoin (PTH) derivative is created from the ATZ-amino acid in a separate process, often involving exposure to strong acid. The PTH-amino acids are more chromatographically resolvable and more stable. High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is a technique that may be used to separate and identify PTH-amino acids. The peptide is now deficient in one amino acid. To determine the second amino acid of the polypeptide from the N-terminal, the Edman technique may be used once again to the shorter peptide acquired in the previous cycle[8], [9].

A sequenator is an equipment that can carry out these reactions, and the whole procedure—including the reaction stages and the detection of the PTH- amino acid derivative—is automated. A polypeptide's more than 100 amino acids may be sequenced effectively using this automated equipment. Before being sequenced using a sequenator, large molecular weight polypeptides and proteins must be broken down into smaller polypeptides of 50 to 100 amino acids. The Edman degradation process allows amino acids to be sequenced in very small protein concentrations, down to the level of micrograms. Protein analysis and structure elucidation use a variety of physical methods, including mass spectrometry, nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry, and x-ray diffraction. For the examination of proteins, there are several kinds of mass spectrometric methods. For instance, mass spectrometry, tandem mass spectrometry (2D-MS or MS-MS), and matrix aided laser desorption ionisation (MALDI) are effective methods designed to quickly identify and sequence proteins.

Sequencing strategies for proteins

The majority of proteins are huge in size and have many amino acid residues. Consequently, it is important to break up these lengthy polypeptide chains into smaller pieces so that they may be entirely sequenced using the Edman degradation procedure. Polypeptides may be broken down into smaller pieces using either chemical processes or enzymatic cleavage. The cleavage profile of a polypeptide by a particular chemical or enzyme may be utilised to identify an unidentified protein since chemical and enzymatic cleavage are both fairly specific processes. A protein's peptide bonds may be selectively broken using proteases or certain chemical agents. The Edman degradation process is then used to extract and sequence the smaller peptide fragments that were created. Cyanogen bromide (CNBr), a chemical reagent, preferentially interacts with methionine residues to form peptides containing new homoserine lactone residues at the C-terminus and methionine residues at the C-terminus. Treatment with CNBr often only yields a small number of peptide fragments since the majority of proteins have relatively few methionine residues. Four peptide fragments should result from the reaction of CNBr with a polypeptide chain that has three internal methionine residues. The N-terminus of each fragment may then be used to sequence it.

Proteins' three-dimensional structure

The amino acid sequence or the protein's fundamental structure determines the molecular form that each protein exhibits. On the enzyme pancreatic Ribonuclease A, which hydrolyzes RNA (ribonucleic acids), this was originally shown by Christian Anfinsen. He demonstrated that when exposed to potent substances like urea or heat, a pure sample of ribonucleaseA lost most of its features, including catalytic activity. When the denaturing agent (high temperature or chemicals like urea) was removed, the enzyme was able to restore the majority of its properties and three-dimensional structure. This basically illustrated two points. 1) A protein's three-dimensional structure and function are inextricably intertwined. 2) The sequence of the amino acids or the protein's fundamental structure contains all the data required for the polypeptide to fold into a three-dimensional structure.

Proteins are divided into two groups based on their three-dimensional molecular shape: globular proteins and fibrous proteins. Having globular three-dimensional forms, globular proteins are soluble proteins. Fibrous proteins are insoluble proteins with a long, thin fiber-like structure. From the sequence of amino acids to the functional three-dimensional structure, proteins go through three phases. There are four steps in the folding and transition to the functional three-dimensional stage in multimeric proteins, which include more than one polypeptide chain. They are the quaternary structure (applied to multimeric proteins),

secondary structure, tertiary structure, and primary structure. The folding of the polypeptide chain locally is referred to as secondary structure. The organisation of secondary structure components in three dimensions is known as tertiary structure, while the arrangement of a protein's subunits is known as quaternary structure.

Primary Protein Structure

The sequence of amino acids that are connected by peptide bonds created between the COOH groups of one amino acid and the NH2 group of another constitute the fundamental structure of a protein or polypeptide. The Edman degradation reaction may be used to ascertain a protein's main structure, or it can be discovered by cloning and sequencing the gene that makes the protein. SDS-PAGE (sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis) or electrospray-mass spectrometry (ES-MS) may be used to measure the size of the protein molecule. The covalent links—peptide bonds between amino acids—and the disulphide couplings between the cysteine units of the polypeptides act as the principal molecular forces in the basic structure. The free rotation of the bond is constrained by the partial double bonds and relative rigidity of the peptide connections. It has been discovered that all peptide linkages in protein structures are virtually planar.

Protein secondary structure

Due to resonance, the peptide bond exhibits some double-bond characteristics (40%). The peptide unit's C-N and double bond C=O alternate positions. All peptide bonds in protein structures are discovered to be virtually planar as a result of this resonance, meaning that the atoms between two C atoms (C, O, N, and H) are roughly co-planar. The degree of freedom that the polypeptide has during folding is decreased by the stiffness of the peptide bond. The polypeptide chain may be seen as a series of rigid planes of peptide units joined by the C atoms in each amino acid residue. Since the trans configuration is preferable than the cis one, which is seldom seen with proline residues, the peptide bond almost usually possesses the trans form.

The only way to move along a polypeptide chain is to rotate the bond angles between C-NH and C-CO. Torsion angles are the names given to the angles. A polypeptide has three primary chain torsion angles. These are the Greek letters phi, psi, and omega (Figure 5.16). The omega angle must be almost always 180° in order to make the peptide bond planar. Rarely is it 0°. On each side of the C atoms, there are the and angles. The angle is the N-C bond, and the angle is the C-C linkage. Only at these connections does the polypeptide chain exhibit flexibility, allowing for motions via rotation around and angles. The characteristics of the side chain (R group) of the amino acids also place restrictions on these motions. To prevent steric hindrance (atom collision during bond rotation), the R-groups connected to the C-atoms affect the torsion angle values, and only certain values for the and angles are allowed.

Professor G.N. Ramachandran, a well-known Indian scientist, used a computer programme to methodically examine all of the potential angles in order to determine stable conformations and anticipate the numerous secondary structures that may emerge in protein molecules. Atoms were seen as solid spheres with van der Waals radii-based dimensions. As a result, the phi and psi angles that cause spheres to collide correspond to the conformations of the polypeptide backbone that are sterically forbidden.

The Ramachandran plot, which is the outcome of these calculations from 1962 and was first published in the Journal of Molecular Biology in 1963, is now a crucial tool in the study of

protein conformation. The primary secondary structural patterns seen in different protein molecules include the alpha helix, beta pleated sheet, random coil, and beta turn.

Beta Helix

The alpha helix, also known as the -helix, was discovered by Pauling and Corey and first described in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) in 1951. It is one of the most prevalent secondary structural patterns. Both a right-handed and left-handed -helix may exist (see CD). The more typical -helices are right-handed, however. Certain connective tissue proteins, including collagen, are known to have left-handed helices, which are also known to have unique amino acid compositions. The right-handed -helix is formed when the amino acid residues are organised around a hypothetical axis using the typical values of the torsion angles (and angles). An -helix's turns are separated by 5.4 amino acid residues on average, with each turn comprising around 3.6 residues. Among different proteins, this is the -helix that is most commonly seen. The word "helix" comes from the fact that this was first seen and characterised in the hair keratin. Hydrogen bonds that form easily between the backbone's C=O and N-H groups stabilise the helical shape. For amino acid residues farther down the chain (n + 3), the carbonyl oxygen of one amino acid (n) forms a hydrogen bond with the hydrogen atom of the amino group of the residue. The polypeptide is drawn into a helical form that resembles a coiled ribbon by this consistent coupling. The primary structural element of the protein keratin found in hair is the -helix. You may have observed that hair strands are more elastic and stretchable when they are wet; this is due to the intra-strand hydrogen bonding, which is decreased when water molecules are present because they are accessible to form hydrogen bonds with the NH groups, which makes the helix more elastic.Holding both of your hands in front of you with your thumbs pointing up and your fingers curled inward makes it simple to recall this. The fingers and thumbs of each hand show the direction of rotation and translation, respectively.

Sheet with beta pleats

This is the second kind of secondary structural pattern that is commonly seen across various protein classes. However, it is more common in fibrous or structural proteins. The production of the structures known as "-pleated sheets" is caused by the polypeptide being able to form straight chains without coiling due to the unique torsion angles for a certain mix and sequence of amino acids. In -pleated sheets, the intra-strand hydrogen bonding is almost nonexistent. Instead, intra-strand hydrogen bonding—which is conceivable between -strands in an aggregate—can occur. The protein is made stronger, more rigid, and less flexible by the intra-strand hydrogen bonding (see CD). In relation to the amino terminal and carboxy terminal, the aggregates of -strands may run in the same (parallel) or opposing (anti-parallel) directions. In comparison to anti-parallel strands, parallel strands have stronger hydrogen bonds. The NH and CO groups, between which the hydrogen bond is formed, are closer and more straightly aligned in parallel strands than in anti-parallel strands. Natural silk and spider webs include the fibroin protein, which is fibrous, contains -pleated sheets as its primary structural constituents and has a high tensile strength.

Rough Coil

These secondary structural patterns are made up of sheets, coils, and loops that are not specific and don't follow any regular pattern. Typically, they result from a combination of amino acid sequences that are unable to form either a -helix or a -sheet. Most globular proteins include random coils in addition to -helices and -sheets.

Beta Changes

Protein structures must have turns, known as beta turns or -turns, that let the peptide backbone to fold back in order to assemble helices and sheets in their many configurations. These two turn structures' Ramachandran plot coordinates will be used to describe them. These twists often include proline and/or glycine and are virtually always located on the surface of proteins. The backbone is particularly hard due to proline (fixed Phi torsion angle at -60°, C-N), and flexible due to glycine's hydrogen substituent. Additionally, turn structures are stabilised by the creation of H-bonds.

Proteins' Tertiary Structure

By carefully folding the polypeptide units, such as helices and sheets, into a certain shape, the secondary or regular polypeptide structures are put together, or grouped together. The proteins only achieve their "native conformation" and become active proteins (as a consequence of the production of active sites) with the full, compact folding into tertiary structure. Ionic connections, hydrophobic contacts, and hydrogen bonds are among of the forces that cause tertiary folding. In addition to peptide bonds, sulfhydryl bonds (-S-S-bonds), which were previously cited as a force contributing to the tertiary structure, are now thought to be a molecular interaction that contributes to the basic structure of polypeptides. These are particularly significant since they are covalent bonds and much more powerful than H-bonds. It has been noted that several kinds of proteins exhibit conserved secondary structure pairings, such as helix and sheets. Motifs are these collections of secondary structures. Since the motifs are conserved, they function as the structural components of proteins. A protein's function or identification may be predicted or determined based on the presence of certain conserved domains and motifs in the protein's tertiary structure.

Protein's Quaternary Structure

Some proteins have several polypeptide chains. Multimeric proteins are the name given to these proteins. The polypeptides are put together along with their tertiary structures to create the native conformation, which turns them into useful proteins. After each polypeptide has attained its tertiary structure, the individual polypeptides—also referred to as the subunits—must be put together. Examples include the four-subunit haemoglobin, a blood protein involved in the delivery of oxygen. There are 72 subunits in pyruvate dehydrogenase, a mitochondrial enzyme involved in energy metabolism. Covalent connections are not used in the construction of these subunits. In addition to the weak Van der Waal's attractions, the primary molecular interactions involved in the assembly of subunits and production of quaternary structures also include hydrophobic and electrostatic attractions. It is not possible to classify two subunits or polypeptides as subunits when they are joined by a covalent connection, such as disulfide bonds. Haemoglobin, for instance, consists of four polypeptides, each of which is a component. In contrast, the peptide hormone insulin is made up of two polypeptides that are not subunits since they are joined by disulfide bonds.

Enzymes

The biocatalysts that direct practically all biological processes are enzymes. A substance known as a catalyst is one that speeds up a chemical process without affecting its quality or quantity. Enzymes are globular proteins with distinct functions, natural conformations, electrical charge distributions, and surface geometries, all of which are dependent on the tertiary structure of the individual enzymes. The three-dimensional form is determined by the

tertiary structure. They are in charge of regulating metabolism since they are in charge of a single response[10], [11].

.CONCLUSION

A typical prokaryotic cell has roughly 700 enzymes, while eukaryotic cells have thousands of enzymes. Catalysts are chemicals that promote (speed up) processes without actively participating in the reaction, and enzymes serve in this capacity. A single enzyme molecule may mediate hundreds of reactions in a single second due to its frequent utilization. Even simple processes, like the solubility of carbon dioxide in water, do not occur to a significant amount on their own. However, we may use high pressure to make it dissolve in water at larger quantities. Drinks with carbonation include high-pressure CO2. Many CO2 bubbles will discharge when the cap is removed to alleviate the pressure. However, under typical circumstances, the rate of CO2 dissolution in biological systems is more than 10.6 times faster than that of unanalyzed processes. The carbonic anhydrase enzyme, which mediates the process, makes this feasible. Similar to this, every reaction in biological systems is mediated by one or more enzymes, which causes reactions to occur more quickly

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CHAPTER 11
EXPLORING THE VARIATION IN NUCLEIC ACIDS

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ABSTRACT:
Polynucleotides, the nucleotides that make up nucleic acids, are joined by phosphodiester linkages to form poly-nucleic acids. The two kinds of nucleic acids—ribonucleic acids (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acids (DNA)—depend on the type of sugar (ribose or de-ox ribose) that is present in the nucleotide. The genetic information is known to be carried by DNA, whereas RNA serves as a messenger (messenger RNA) and participates in protein synthesis (transfer RNA, ribosomal RNA). Similar to proteins, polynucleotides are created by joining together monomers or nucleotides to form a lengthy chain of nucleotides linked by phosphodiester bonds. The C-atoms of sugars are denoted by a in order to differentiate them from those of nitrogen bases. Thus, the positions are referred to as 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The condensation of two or more nucleotides results in the formation of polynucleotides. The condensation that most often results in the formation of a phosphodiester link is between the alcohol of a 5'-phosphate of one nucleotide and the 3'-hydroxyl of another. Each time a nucleotide is added during this polymerization step, a pyrophosphate residue is broken. The polynucleotide chain extends from the 5' to the 3' terminal during synthesis. The phosphodiester bond is known as a 5-3 phosphodiester bond because it is created between a 5 phosphate group of one nucleotide and a 3 hydroxyl group of another nucleotide. The linear arrangement of the nucleotides, which makes up the fundamental structure of DNA and RNA, moves in a 5:3 direction

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INTRODUCTION

Except for certain viruses like HIV, where it serves as the genetic material, RNA is a non-genetic nucleic acid. They are typically straight, single-stranded molecules and relatively tiny. Cells have RNA in four main types. They are ribosomal RNA (rRNA), small nuclear RNA (snRNA), transfer RNA (tRNA), and messenger RNA (mRNA). For the goal of synthesising proteins, all of these RNA molecules are created based on the DNA's nucleotide sequence. RNA typically has a single strand, unlike DNA. However, it also shows a few double-stranded, helical regions that result from the single strand folding. These sequences create palindromes and are mirror reflections of one another[1], [2].

Messenger RNAs are replicas of the genes' coding regions and include the instructions needed to produce proteins. It is very brittle and makes up roughly 5% of the total RNA in a cell. Its length varies greatly and ranges from 75 to 3,000 nucleotides.Small molecules of various sorts known as transfer RNAs vary in length from 90 to 120 nucleotides. As seen in the image below (image 5.28), they may also fold to produce secondary structures with a clover-leaf-like architecture. They can also fold once more to form an L-shaped structure. They account for 15% of all cellular RNA. They provide the appropriate amino acids to the ribosomes during protein synthesis, when the mRNA is translated or the protein is

synthesised. They have a variety of uncommon and modified bases that keep its structure stable. A collection of RNA molecules of varying sizes is known as ribosomal RNAs. In ribosomal RNA (rRNA), secondary structures may take on complex shapes. They create the structural elements of the ribosomal subcellular particles. One of the crucial elements required for protein synthesis is the ribosome. The molecules range in size from 120 to 3,000 nucleotides or more. RRNA makes up around 80% of all cellular RNA[3], [4].

Small nuclear RNA, or snRNA, is a different type of RNA molecules that are mostly found in the nucleus of eukaryotic cells. They are little molecules, as their name suggests, yet they have intricate secondary structures. They make up 2% of all cellular RNA molecules and participate in mRNA processing or modification, known as splicing. The groupings are made up of tiny nucleoproteins. Splicisomes are tiny particles. The majority of them are referred to as ribozymes since they exhibit catalytic activity. The RNA molecules known as ribozymes have catalytic (enzyme-like) activity.

DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid)

Except for certain viruses, which contain RNA as their genetic material and are referred to as RNA viruses, practically all creatures have DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid. The very long polymer DNA is always a double-stranded helical molecule.Adenine (A), Thymine (T), Cytosine (C), and Guanine (G) are the nitrogen bases found in DNA. Erwin Chargaff extracted DNA samples from several creatures, examined the nitrogen-based makeup, and discovered that A, T, C, and G are all equally prevalent. Every species has its own particular A + T / C + G ratio. The Chargaff rule applies here. No matter where they came from, all double-stranded DNA samples adhere to the Chargaff principle of base equivalency. There are certain DNA viruses with single-stranded DNA as their genetic material. Base equivalency according to the Chargaff rule is not followed by single-stranded DNA. James Watson and Francis Crick established the Watson-Crick model for the structure of DNA based on these findings plus x-ray diffraction data Rosalind Franklin collected from DNA crystals. In 1953, they reported their results in the journal Nature[5], [6].

DNA's three-dimensional structure

The Watson-Crick model described virtually all of the characteristics of DNA as the genetic material, including the method of its replication by employing both DNA strands as matrices (this was later confirmed by further evidence). The model's additional features include: The DNA molecule is made up of two complementary anti-parallel polynucleotide chains that are coiled around one another in a rightward orientation and held together by hydrogen bonds (H-bonds) between the bases of neighbouring strands.The phosphates and sugar residues are near the exterior of the helix, while the purine and pyrimidine bases are driven towards the inside. The bases' planes form a right angle with the helix's axis. The helix's radius is 10 (diameter is 20), while the separation between bases.Hydrogen bonds that form between a pyrimidine and a purine base bind to both chains. Thus, adenine and thymine are always connected, while guanine and cytosine are. There are two hydrogen bonds between adenine and thymine and three between cytosine and guanine. Complementarity is brought about by a certain base pairing. When one strand's sequence is known, the other's may be predicted[7],[8].

DISCUSSION

The arrangement of the various strands determines how anti-parallel the helix is. One strand is orientated in the 5-3 direction and the other in the 3-5 direction from any given place in the helix. The DNA double helix has two deep grooves between the ribose-phosphate chains on

its outside. These two grooves, known as the major and minor grooves, are of different sizes. The asymmetry of the deoxyribose rings and the structural difference between a base pair's top and lower surfaces are the causes of their different sizes. By experimentally demonstrating a Watson-Crick prediction, M. Meselson and F. W. Stahl clarified the process of replication in 1958 and demonstrated that DNA replicated in a semi-conservative manner.

Although the arrangement of nucleotides inside a nucleic acid may first seem random, we now know that this arrangement really encodes the genetic information. However, this does not imply that every nucleotide sequence is information-filled. There are lengthy, repeating DNA sequences, but it is unknown what they do. Nucleotide sequencing techniques have been developed since around 1975. It has been shown that the DNA double helix may take on a variety of shapes based on the sequence contained inside it and the ionic circumstances under which crystals are formed. Under physiological circumstances of low ionic strength and high levels of hydration, the B-form of DNA predominates. Z-DNA is a unique left-handed, helical conformation that can occur in pCpG dinucleotide-rich regions of the helix. The nucleotides' orientation in this conformation differs by 180 degrees from that of the more prevalent A- and B-DNA[9], [10].

Chromosome Organisation; Supercoiled and curved DNA

A lengthy molecule, DNA. The DNA of the bacterium E. coli is 1.44 millimetres long. DNA molecules in higher forms of life may reach lengths of several centimetres. But it only has a 20 diameter. Chromosomes are the name for the tiny, distinctive subcellular structures that contain these long, thin molecules. Under microscopes, specialised staining methods may be used to see the chromosomes.

DNA is bundled with certain kinds of proteins called histone proteins in the chromosomes. There is a typical number of chromosomes that is consistent for each type of organism. There are 23 pairs of chromosomes in human cells, compared to only one chromosome in bacteria like E. coli. The DNA of bacteria is typically circular with no free ends, but the DNA of chromosomes in higher forms of life is linear with free ends. When it comes to eukaryotic cells, these chromosomes are restricted to the nucleus. Due to their length, DNA molecules are bundled into chromosomes that are just a few microns long in a very particular way. Supercoiling is a technique used in this packing. Topoisomerases, an enzyme family that promotes and maintains supercoiling in DNA, maintaining the DNA in a highly supercoiled form. The DNA molecule is in a beaded state as a result of supercoiling and packaging with histone proteins, which is a transitional step in the construction of chromosomes called nucleosomes[11], [12].

It's fascinating to see how cells have condensed the immense length of DNA into chromosomes that are just a few millimetres long. The nucleus of a normal human cell has a diameter of around 5 m and a diameter of 20 m. The combined length of the 23 pairs of chromosomes, or 2 m (total base pairs = 6 109; length of 1 bp = 3.3), is made up of their DNA. The fragile and lengthy DNA molecules are packaged in chromosomes in such a way that the information stored in the DNA molecules can be retrieved within a very short amount of time, which is necessary if 2 m must be packed into the confines of a 5 m diameter nucleus. In contrast to this degree of miniaturisation, the microchips are enormous.

Most bacterial cells have one or more forms of tiny additional chromosomal circular DNA molecules that can replicate independently in addition to the circular chromosomal DNA. The term "plasmid" refers to these spherical DNA molecules. The plasmids are in charge of

several peculiar traits of organisms, such as antibiotic resistance. In gene cloning and recombinant DNA research, plasmids are crucial. These investigations often use modified plasmids as their vectors. Vectors are plasmids that are employed in gene-cloning and recombinant experimentation.

Lipids and Biological Membranes

Although they belong to the hydrophobic molecule family, lipids are extremely miscible in organic solvents as hexane, chloroform, ethyl acetate, etc. They are a class of lipids with significant biological roles that exhibit amphipathic properties. A molecule is said to be amphipathic if one of its ends displays a on one end is a hydrophilic (water-loving) nature, while on the other is a hydrophobic (water-hating) nature. The primary elements of biological membranes are phospholipids. Phospholipids, which are formed of two layers of phospholipids, are excellent candidates for the creation of biomembranes due to their amphipathic character. Phospholipids or any other amphipathic molecules will organise themselves in an aqueous solution such that the hydrophilic ends are in touch with water molecules and the hydrophobic ends are kept away from the water. They may form vesicles, bilayers, or single-layered structures, depending on the molecular weight, amount, and water content of the amphipathic molecules.

Phospholipids

Phospholipids are structural molecules that make up the majority of all cellular membranes. Depending on the unique function of the membranes inside the cells, many kinds of proteins are dispersed throughout the bilayer of membranes in addition to lipids. A glycerol molecule with two fatty acids esterified at locations R1 and R2, as well as phosphoric acid esterified at position X, make up the structure of phospholipid.The phosphate section of the phospholipid structure has the advantage of making the molecule extremely amphipathic, which is perfect for the structure of the cell membrane.The phosphate region's hydrophilic part.The hydrophobic region in the tails of fatty acids.

Lecithin is the most prevalent phospholipid. As excellent emulsifiers, phospholipids are employed in a variety of foods and home goods. Cholesteroland its derivatives, but exclusively in animal cells, make up another part of the cell membranes. The membranes of plant cells do not contain it. Different phospholipid derivatives, including cerebrosides, glycosphingolipids, sphingolipids, and sphingomyelin, are found in certain specialised cells, such as neurons.All cell types, including eukaryotes and prokaryotes, as well as the cell organelles found within eukaryotic cells, are surrounded by lipid bilayer membranes. These membranes are robust and selectively permeable, shielding the cytoplasmic content from osmotic changes and other disturbances. (See CD)

Lipid bilayer characteristics

As we have previously established, the lipid bilayer's extremely impermeable structure is its most significant characteristic. Simply said, impermeable implies that it prevents molecules from readily passing through it. The bilayer is readily permeable only to gases and water. Due to this characteristic, neither big nor tiny polar molecules can pass through the bilayer or cell membrane on their own. The fluidity of the lipid bilayer is a significant additional characteristic. In addition to lipid molecules, the lipid bilayer also contains proteins, as we shall describe later. These structures may move about within the lipid bilayer due to the fluidity of the bilayer. This fluidity affects membrane transport, which is significant in biology. Temperature (fluidity rises at lower temperatures) and the precise structure of the

fatty acid chains both affect fluidity. The lipid bilayer is asymmetrical structurally, with varying amounts of lipid and protein in the two layers.

Building Blocks of Membranes

Many different types of cells' plasma and mitochondrial membranes may be partly separated and purified using subcellular fractionation methods, among other significant biological membranes. These solutions often include membranes from different organelles. However, because human erythrocytes lack internal membranes (see CD), it is possible to separate their plasma membranes with almost perfect purity.Proteins and phospholipids are components of every membrane. The protein-to-lipid ratio is very variable.The myelin membrane contains just 18% protein compared to the inner mitochondrial membrane's 76% protein content. Myelin has a high phospholipid content, which allows it to electrically shield the nerve cell from its surroundings. various types of membranes have various lipid compositions. A sizeable amount of phospholipids, mostly phosphoglycerides with a glycerol backbone, are present in every membrane. All phospholipids in membranes are amphipathic, meaning they include both hydrophilic and hydrophobic regions. In plasma membranes, sphingomyelin is another phospholipid that is often present. It does not have a glycerol backbone. It comprises sphingosine, an amino alcohol with a long unsaturated hydrocarbon chain, in place of the glycerol backbone. A ceramide is created when an amide bond connects the amino group of sphingosine to a fatty acyl side chain. The hydrophilic head of sphingomyelin is comparable to that of phosphatidylcholine because the terminal hydroxyl group of sphingosine is esterified to phosphocholine.

Membranes are crucial structural components in living things because they act as a wall separating cells from their surroundings and compartmentalising cellular functions. These dynamic structures are necessary for preserving cellular integrity, controlling chemical exchange, and supporting critical functions including signalling, transport, and energy generation.The Fluid Mosaic Model offers a key framework for comprehending the construction of biological membranes. It was developed by S.J. Singer and G.L. Nicolson in 1972. This concept postulates that membranes are made of a lipid bilayer with embedded proteins that may move laterally inside the bilayer, resembling a "mosaic" of various parts in a "fluid" condition. Here are the main parts of this model, broken down:

Lipids in Membranes:

Lipids are the fundamental building blocks of biological membranes, producing the lipid bilayer's fundamental structure. The following are the main lipid classes present in membranes:

Phospholipids:

Phospholipids are amphipathic molecules made up of two hydrophobic fatty acid tails attached to a hydrophilic head group. Choline, ethanolamine, or serine are just a few examples of chemical groups that might make up the hydrophilic head group. In an aqueous environment, phospholipids spontaneously form a bilayer with their hydrophilic heads facing outward and their hydrophobic tails facing in.

Glycolipids:

Glycolipids are similar to phospholipids but include hydrophilic head groups that contain carbohydrate chains. They are mostly present in the plasma membrane's outer leaflet and are involved in cell adhesion and recognition. The lipid bilayer contains cholesterol molecules,

which are scattered throughout and influence the fluidity of the membrane. They can maintain the flexibility of the membrane while lowering ion and small molecule permeability.

Sphingolipids:

Sphingolipids are a varied family of lipids that are essential for membrane shape and cell signalling. They have a sphingosine backbone and may be changed with ceramides and sphingomyelin, among other head groups.

Membranes with Proteins:

Proteins are one of the main components of biological membranes. In general, membrane proteins may be divided into two categories according to how they interact with the lipid bilayer: Integral membrane proteins are firmly enmeshed in the hydrophobic core of the membrane and span the lipid bilayer. They could have a single transmembrane domain or many, which move across the bilayer. Integral membrane proteins perform a number of tasks, including as molecular transport, signal transduction, and enzymatic activity.

Peripheral Membrane Proteins:

Peripheral proteins interact electrostatically with integral membrane proteins or with lipid head groups to get attached to the membrane surface. They play a part in membrane shape, signalling, and scaffolding and are simply removed from the membrane.

Membrane Asymmetry:

Biological membranes have different characteristics in their inner and outer leaflets due to the asymmetry in their lipid and protein composition. For several cellular activities, including membrane trafficking and cell signalling, this membrane asymmetry is essential.

Lipid Asymmetry:

The outer leaflet of the plasma membrane is abundant in phosphatidylcholine (PC), whereas the inner leaflet largely consists of phosphatidylserine (PS) and phosphatidylethanolamine (PE). Specific enzymes called flippases and floppases, which transport lipids between leaflets, are responsible for maintaining this lipid asymmetry. Membrane proteins may also display asymmetry, according to proteins. For instance, directed molecular transport is made possible in polarised epithelial cells by the localization of certain transport proteins to either the apical or basolateral membrane domains.

Membrane Functions:

Membranes have an active role in a variety of cellular processes, making them more than just passive barriers. Here are a few of the main jobs that membranes perform:

Selective Permeability:

One of membranes' main jobs is to regulate how molecules enter and exit cells and organelles. Several techniques are used to produce this selective permeability:

Simple Diffusion:

Nonpolar, small molecules may passively diffuse across the lipid bilayer, including oxygen and carbon dioxide.

Facilitated Diffusion:

In order to transfer larger or polar molecules across the membrane, such as ions and carbohydrates, membrane proteins called channels and transporters are needed.

Active Transport:

Through mechanisms that require energy, such as the sodium-potassium pump (Na+/K+ pump), certain molecules are actively transported against their concentration gradient.

Cell Signalling:

Membranes, which house receptors and signalling chemicals, are essential for cell signalling. A variety of cellular activities, including gene expression and metabolism, are controlled by intracellular signalling cascades that are started when ligands, such as hormones or neurotransmitters, bind to membrane receptors.

Energy Production:

The electron transport chain and ATP synthase complexes, which are necessary for producing adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the cell's main source of energy, are located in the inner mitochondrial membrane of eukaryotic cells. In order to provide the proton gradient required for ATP production, this membrane must be impermeable to protons (H+). Cells are compartmentalised by membranes, which separate them into areas like the nucleus, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi apparatus, and lysosomes. The membranes that surround each compartment aid in maintaining the integrity of these specialised habitats, each of which serves a distinct set of purposes.

Cell Adhesion and Communication:

Membranes play a role in cell adhesion, enabling cells to adhere to extracellular matrix elements and nearby cells. Furthermore, gap junctions and tight junctions between cells allow for direct interaction and activity coordination.

Membrane Dynamics:

Cellular membranes are dynamic structures that may adapt their structure and composition to meet changing demands. Processes like membrane fluidity, vesicular trafficking, and lipid raft formation control membrane dynamics.

Membrane Fluidity:

Membranes must be fluid in order to operate properly. The temperature and lipid content have an impact on it. Membranes become more fluid at higher temperatures and more stiff at lower ones. By altering how lipid molecules are arranged in the bilayer, cholesterol contributes to the maintenance of an ideal amount of fluidity.

Vesicular Trafficking:

Vesicular trafficking allows cells to maintain and control the composition of their membranes. Vesicles, which may be filled with lipids, proteins, or other substances, budding, transporting, and fusing as a result of this process. Examples include the migration of vesicles throughout the endomembrane system and endocytosis and exocytosis.

Lipid Rafts:

The membrane's specialisedmicrodomains known as lipid rafts are abundant in cholesterol and certain fatty acids.

CONCLUSION

The biomembranes serve as an excellent barrier, preventing spillage of contents or entry of extracellular substances into the cells or cell organelles. Selective permeability exists in cell membranes. Sugars, organic acids, and salts like NaCl and KCl cannot readily cross lipid membranes since they are water-soluble. To make the transit of certain chemicals easier, specific protein molecules are positioned in the lipid bilayer. The calibre of the proteins, which are dispersed across the membranes along with the lipids, controls how well biomembranes perform their duties. This distinguishes one biomembrane's function from another. The membranes of the cellular envelop, mitochondria, and chloroplasts, for instance, are designed specifically for carrying out a particular function that is intimately tied to the kinds of protein present in the corresponding membranes. Glycoproteins, one kind of informative molecule found in certain cell membranes, may serve as receptors for signal molecules like hormones.

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CHAPTER 12
DIFFERENT TYPES OF BIOCHEMICAL TECHNIQUES

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ABSTRACT:
Ion molecules may be extracted and purified using a variety of methods that are based on diverse chemical and physical characteristics. Molecular size and weight, interactions with electromagnetic radiations or spectroscopic qualities, solubility, molecular charge, and polarity are the primary physical and chemical characteristics that may be used to separate and characterize biomolecules. Centrifugation, gel filtration, and osmotic pressure are the methods based on the dimensions and mass of the molecules. Ion exchange chromatography, electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing, hydrophobic interaction, and partition chromatography are polarity- and charge-based methods. Colorimetric, UV-visible spectrophotometry, fluorescence spectroscopy, x-ray crystallography, and mass spectrometry are spectroscopy-based methods. The procedures for solubility include precipitating molecules using salts and organic solvents

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Centrifugation, Chromatography, Molecules, Phase, Proteins.

INTRODUCTION

A centrifuge is a tool used to separate particles from a solution according to how quickly they settle out, which is influenced by several characteristics including size, shape, density, medium viscosity, and centrifugal force (rotor speed). Centrifugation is the name given to the process of separating particles according to their rate of sedimentation. Cells, subcellular organelles, viruses, and big molecules like proteins and nucleic acids are the typical particles in biology. If all other variables remain constant, the rate of sedimentation will be exactly proportional to the molecular weight or size. We shall refer to all biological stuff as spherical particles in order to keep the language of mathematics simple. Centrifugation may be categorized in a variety of ways[1], [2].

Centrifugation for preparation and analysis

The difference between the two most popular forms of centrifugation—analytical and preparative—is dependent on the latter's intended use. The physical characteristics of the sedimenting particles, such as their molecular weight or sedimentation coefficient, are measured during analytical centrifugation. Analytical ultracentrifugation employs ideal techniques. In order to see macromolecules in the solution as they move in the gravitational field, molecules are observed using an optical system during centrifugation. The samples are centrifuged in cells with windows that are perpendicular to the rotor head's plane of rotation. An optical system projects the pictures of the cell (proteins) onto film or a computer while the rotor rotates. Beer's law is used to measure the concentration of the solution at different locations inside the cell by measuring the amount of light that is absorbed at each location. The degree of blackening on a photographic film or the pen deflection of the recorder of the scanning system, which is input into a computer, may both be used to measure this.

The other types of centrifugations are preparative, with the goal of isolating certain, recyclable particles. Preparative centrifugation comes in a variety of forms, including rate zonal, differential, and isopycnic centrifugation.

Low-speed centrifugation vs Ultracentrifugation

The rate or speed at which the centrifuge is rotating is another categorization scheme. Over 30,000 rpm is the speed at which ultracentrifugation is performed. The range of high-speed centrifugation is 10,000–30,000 rpm. Low-speed centrifugation occurs at rates lower than 10,000 rpm, often between 3,000 and 9,000 rpm.

Zone centrifugation vs moving boundaries

The manner the samples are put into the centrifuge tube is a third approach to define centrifugation. The sample is placed in the whole tube and centrifuged in moving boundary or differential centrifugation. The mixture is divided into two components by centrifugation: a supernatant and a pellet. But depending on its size, shape, density, and centrifugation conditions, any particle in the mixture may end up in the supernatant, the pellet, or it could be dispersed across the two fractions. The sedimented components are all mixed together in the pellet, and it is also contaminated with any unsedimented particles that were previously at the bottom of the tube. The slowest sedimenting component is the sole one that gets purified, although its yield is sometimes quite little. By decanting the supernatant solution from the pellet, the two portions are recovered. With the creation of a fresh pellet and supernatant, the supernatant may be recentrifuged at greater speeds to accomplish more purification[3], [4].

The density gradient column in the isopycnic method includes all of the sample particles' densities. The gradient material is thoroughly combined with the sample. Only one location in the centrifuge tube, where the gradient density is equal to the particle's own density, will each particle settle, and that location will be where it stays (Figure 6.3). Therefore, the isopycnic method divides particles into zones purely based on the variations in their buoyant densities, regardless of time. Particles from the rate zonal and isopycnic principles may participate in the final separations in several density gradient studies. For instance, the gradient's density range may be such that one component settles to the tube's density and stays there, while another component settles to the bottom of the tube. Centrifugation time for the self-generating gradient method is often quite lengthy. For instance, isopynically banding DNA requires 36 to 48 hours in a gradient of self-generating cesium chloride. It's vital to understand that raising the rotor speed won't decrease the run time; instead, it will simply change the location of the zones in the tube since the gradient material will redistribute farther down the tube due to increased centrifugal force[5], [6].

Chromatography using gel-filtration

Size-based separation is achieved using gel-filtration chromatography. It is also known as gel permeation chromatography or molecular exclusion chromatography. The stationary phase in gel filtration chromatography comprises of porous beads with a well defined range of pore diameters. If a stationary phase for gel filtration has a fractionation range, it may separate molecules with a certain molecular weight range.

It is claimed that proteins are present because they can fit within all of the holes in the beads. In a gel-filtration separation, these tiny proteins elute last because they have access to both the mobile phase between the beads and the mobile phase within the beads. It is claimed that proteins are rejected if they are too big to pass through any of the pores. They elute first

because they can only reach the mobile phase between the beads. Proteins of intermediate size are partly incorporated, which means that some but not all of the beads' pores can accommodate them. Then, between the big ("excluded") and tiny ("totally included") proteins, these proteins will elute[7], [8].

DISCUSSION

On a gel-filtration column filled with Bio-Gel P-150 (fractionation range 15,000 to 150,000), consider the separation of a mixture of glutamate dehydrogenase (MW 290,000), lactate dehydrogenase (MW 140,000), serum albumin (MW 67,000), ovalbumin (MW 43,000), and cytochrome c (MW 12,400). Glutamate dehydrogenase would elute first when the protein mixture is put to the column since it is over the top fractionation limit. It would thus elute with the void volume (V0) and be completely excluded from the interior of the porous stationary phase. Cytochrome c would be totally included and elute last since it is below the lowest fractionation limit. The remaining proteins would partly elute and be partially incorporated in decreasing molecular weight order.

In actuality, gel-filtration may be utilised at any stage of protein purification to separate proteins according to molecular weight. A protein dissolved in a sodium acetate buffer, pH 4.8, may be administered to a gel-filtration column that has been pre-equilibrated with Tris buffer, pH 8.0, in order to perform a buffer exchange. The sodium acetate buffer molecules, which are considerably smaller and travel much more slowly than the protein, are entirely incorporated in the porosity beads and migrate into the Tris mobile phase as the protein descends the column. The separation of salts and other tiny molecules from a protein sample may also be accomplished using this technique.

Oxygen Pressure

Every time a molecule moves, it does so from an area of greater concentration to a region of lower concentration. In the case of a solution, it applies to molecules of both the solvent and the solute. Solvent molecules will migrate into a solution when it is isolated from a pure solvent by a membrane that only allows passage of the solvent. By exerting pressure that is equivalent to the pressure the solvent molecules use to enter the solution compartment via the membrane partition, the flow of the solvent molecules into the solution may be stopped. Osmotic pressure is the amount of pressure required to stop the solvent molecule from entering the solution.

Chromatography by ion exchange (IEC)

Almost every sort of charged molecule may be separated using ion-exchange chromatography (IEC), from big proteins to tiny nucleotides and amino acids. It is commonly used to proteins and peptides under a variety of different circumstances. However, standardised conditions are applied to amino acids. The simultaneous use of IEC and GPC in protein structure research is relatively widespread.Ion-exchange chromatography is a method of separation where ions are exchanged between a mobile phase and a stationary phase according to their charges. Ions are electrostatically bound to an insoluble support matrix to form the stationary phase. The ions that need to be separated are in the mobile phase. These ions undergo reversible exchange with the immobile phase or support matrix-bound ions[9], [10].

Protein molecules are separated using ion-exchange chromatography based on their electrical charge, which is affected by the distribution of amino acids on the surface and the medium's

pH. Since salts have a tendency to sabotage electrostatic interactions, the molecules that need to be separated and electrostatically bound to the stationary matrix are rinsed from the column using a gradient solution of increasing ionic strength. Alternately, a pH gradient may be employed for elution since the average charge is negative when the pH is more than pI and positive when the pH is lower. In biochemistry, ion exchangers with carboxymethyl (CM) or diethyl aminoethyl (DEAE) groups are most often utilised. To neutral polymers like cellulose (examples: DEAE cellulose and CM cellulose), these groups form cross-links.

Proteins that are negatively charged (anions) are separated using anion-exchange chromatography. Positively charged groups on the inert phase of the column bind negatively charged protein sites. Anions in the solution may then swap the protein for itself. For instance, DEAE groupings.Positively charged proteins (cations) are separated using cation-exchange chromatography. A polyanionic matrix, often composed of sulfonate (—SO3—) or carboxy (—COO—) groups like carboxymethyl (CM) groups that are covalently attached to a matrix made of cellulose or agarose, is present in the column.A protein (+ surface charge) will bind to a cation exchanger (-), such as one with CM-groups, at a pH level lower than its isoelectric point. the isoelectric point. A protein with a negative surface charge will eventually bind to a positive anion exchanger, such as one with DEAE-groups.

Electrophoresis

The behaviour of charged molecules moving in a consistent electric field may provide a lot of information. Two flat metal plates are arranged parallel to one another as illustrated to create a homogenous electric field with a consistent amplitude and direction throughout a certain amount of space. A consistent electric field E is created between the plates when the terminals of a power source with voltage V are connected to them as shown in the figure. The field is not even towards the ends and away from the plates.

Charged molecules, such as proteins, migrate in an electrical field during electrophoresis. Proteins are separated in an electrical field according to their size, shape, and charge. The net electrical charges of the protein molecules are influenced by the side chains of the amino acids, which are the building blocks of proteins. The isoelectric pH (IpH) of the protein and the pH of the surrounding buffer both affect how charged the protein is.

The net charge of the particles, their size, shape, and the intensity of the electric field all have a role in how mobile they are when subjected to electrical current. An example of a hydrodynamic method is centrifugation in electrophoresis. A charged particle in an electrical field feels a force that is inversely proportional to the distance (d) between the electrodes and proportionate to the potential difference (E), or voltage, of the electrical field. The electrophoretic field intensity is equal to the potential difference divided by the distance (E/d). The force generated also varies with the molecule's net charge (q). A supporting medium, such as starch, paper, polyacrylamide, or agarose, is used in the majority of electrophoretic techniques. It should be kept in mind that a 50% buffer solution makes up the real environment through which the proteins move. Moving-boundary electrophoresis is performed wholly in a liquid phase, while zone electrophoresis is electrophoresis that is performed in a supporting medium. It is possible to determine the isoelectric pH (Isoelectric focusing) and molecular weights (SDS-PAGE) of different proteins by visualising them on gels and comparing the migration lengths to standards. Protein identification and purification benefit from the use of the isoelectric pH and molecular weights.

The method of electrophoresis is often used to examine both proteins and nucleic acids. DNA molecules always have negative charges, hence their rate of migration towards the anode is based on their molecular size. DNA molecules that are small and compact move more quickly than those that are big and loose. Despite having the same molecular size, relaxed DNA molecules will travel more slowly than DNA molecules with compact structure (supercoiling) because the compact molecules pass through the pores of the gel matrix more quickly than the relaxed molecules, which are elongated.

The ratio of positively and negatively charged amino acids at a certain pH determines the net charge of a protein molecule. For separating charged particles, there are several kinds of matrices. For the separation of a mixture of charged amino acids and other molecules, paper electrophoresis is one method utilised. The electrophoresis matrix utilised should be stable and chemically inert. Convection should be reduced or eradicated. By adhering to the charged molecules, it shouldn't stop the molecule from moving. The polyacrylamide matrix, which satisfies all the criteria, is the best and most often used matrix.

The polyacrylamide is a polymer matrix created from the monomers acrylamide, N and N-methylene-bis acrylamide, and tetramethylenediamine (TEMED), which is then carried out by ammonium persulfate (APS). The right amounts of acrylamide, N,N-methylene-bis-acrylamide, tetramethylenediamine (TEMED), and ammonium persulphate are combined to form the polymerization solution. By releasing free radicals after being introduced, APS will activate the molecules of acrylamide. After that, the succeeding acrylamide molecules react with the activated acrylamide molecules to form lengthy polymers. The ratio of acrylamide to bis-acrylamide controls the amount of cross-linking that occurs between these acrylamide polymer chains, resulting in a network of acrylamide chains with a certain pore size. Aside from the separation of tiny nucleic acid molecules like RNA or oligonucleotides in nucleic acid sequencing, PAGE is seldom employed to analyse DNA molecules because to their huge size. Due to the enormous pore size of the matrix, agarose gels are often utilisedfor the electrophoresis of DNA.PAGE (polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis) comes in two flavours:

SDS-PAGE(Denaturing PAGE)

In order to determine a protein's molecular weight in its active state in tertiary or quaternary structure, native PAGE is often used. The native gel experiment should be followed by a denaturing gel electrophoresis to ascertain the number of subunits, the type of the three-dimensional structure (whether containing one or more subunits), and the molecular weight of each subunit. After protein subunits have been heated under reducing conditions to denature them and bonded with the non-ionic detergent SDS, they may be separated using the electrophoretic technique known as SDS-PAGE, also known as denaturing PAGE. Protein subunits (i.e., polypeptide chains) are uniformly bound with the detergent sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS), which has the structure CH3(CH2)11-SO3-Na and the sodium is just a counter ion, during denaturation by boiling. All disulfide bonds in the protein are reduced with 2-mercaptoethanol (also known as beta-mercaptoethanol), and the detergent is then added to the mixture. The detergent imparts a consistent negative charge to the polypeptide and binds in proportion to the subunit's size. So as a result, in a mixture of proteins, every protein component has the same charge density and moves equally quickly in an electrical field. The PAGE gel's pores, on the other hand, are tiny enough in an SDS-PAGE system to result in molecular sieving during electrophoresis, causing the polypeptides coated with SDS to separate by size. As a result, proteins with known component sizes (or molecular masses, or MR) may be used to calibrate an SDS-PAGE gel, allowing the molecular mass of an

unknown polypeptide to be ascertained. The ideal way to achieve this is to prepare a plot of the relative mobility, or log MR, of the protein bands that represent the standard proteins on the electrophoretic mobility of the protein bands relative to the dye front. The MR (i.e., molecular size) of the unknown protein's subunit(s) may be calculated by comparing their relative mobility to the standard curve.

Using Isoelectric Focus

The pH affects how charged protein molecules are. Amphoteric molecules are those that fit this description. There is a pH where the molecule's net charge equals zero. The isoelectric point or isoelectric pH (IpH) is the name given to this pH. Isoelectric focusing may be used to separate molecules that vary in their isoelectric pH or isoelectric point (Ip). By utilising electrophoresis in a gel with a pH gradient, isoelectric focusing (IEF) is a technique for sorting proteins based on their isoelectric pH.Ampholytes are used to create this pH gradient. These are low-molecular-weight amphoteric compounds (a combination of polyaminopolycarboxilic acids) that, when mixed, can move in an electric current to their pI, creating a pH gradient. Depending on the local pH at that location in the gel, a protein put there will be either positively or negatively charged. The protein will migrate towards the anode or cathode depending on its charge when a current is applied, until it comes into contact with the region of the gel that corresponds to its pI (IpH), at which time it will have no net charge and will cease migrating. Proteins with known pI may be used to calibrate an IEF gel, and a plot of location on the gel against pI enables a calculation of the pI of unknown proteins.

Hydrophobic-interaction (HIC) Chromatography

A form of chromatography known as hydrophobic-interaction chromatography separates molecules based on how they interact hydrophobically with the stationary phase and mobile phase. Peptides are distinct from proteins.A hydrophobic-interaction chromatography (HIC) separation is based on the difference between two substances' hydrophobic characteristics. The binding of sample molecules to a hydrophilic matrix replaced with a hydrophobic ligand is often mediated by salt solutions. The distribution of hydrophobic or non-polar amino acid residues in protein molecules determines how hydrophobic their surfaces are on a molecular level. Protein molecules have hydrophobic residues dispersed over their surfaces, which regulate how well they interact with other hydrophobic surfaces [11], [12].

CONCLUSION

These hydrophobic regions of protein molecules are covered by a thin layer of water in an aqueous media, which minimises their contact with other hydrophobic surfaces. High salt concentrations may expose these hydrophobic surfaces or protein molecular clusters by disrupting the water layer that covers them, allowing them to interact with other hydrophobic molecules or surfaces. In this chromatography, the immobile phase (matrix) serves as the stationary phase. It is a matrix that has been appropriately hydrophobized, which aids in the interaction of proteins with the matrix and their binding to the matrix. The supporting matrix, such as agarose, connected with hydrophobic groups like alkyls (hexyl, octyl), or phenyls, is the most often utilised stationary phase in HIC. By using a mobile phase with variable hydrophobicity or ionic strength, which disrupts the connection between the bound proteins and the matrix, these bound proteins may be removed from the column. In preparative biochemistry, hydrophobic-interaction chromatography has developed into one of the most effective techniques. The ability to clear nucleic acids makes it a vital tool for the purification

of therapeutic proteins. Its speed, resolution, and capacity rival ion-exchange chromatography. Its selectivity is complementary to ion-exchange chromatography and size exclusion chromatography

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CHAPTER 13
TECHNIQUES BASED ON SPECTROSCOPY

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ABSTRACT:
Using the electromagnetic radiation that has been absorbed, emitted, or scattered by a substance in order to investigate it qualitatively or quantitatively or to examine physical processes is known as spectroscopy. Atoms, molecules, atomic or molecular ions, or solids may make up the matter. It is possible for radiation to be redirected or for atoms or molecules to shift between different energy levels as a result of radiation's interaction with matter. In the beginning, visible light was more often used in spectroscopic investigations and procedures, especially for identifying substances and doing quantitative estimations. The use of spectroscopic methods has greatly expanded as a result of recent apparatus advancements. It is possible to examine molecules and atoms using a variety of spectroscopic methods that take use of the unique features of distinct electromagnetic spectrums, including UV, IR, x-rays, microwaves, and radio waves. When molecules take in a certain kind of electromagnetic radiation from the electromagnetic spectrum, electrons move from one energy level to another, transferring energy from the radiation to the absorber, whether it be an atom, molecule, or solid.

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Light, Molecules, Protein, Radiation, Solution.

INTRODUCTION

Atoms or molecules that are stimulated to high energy levels by electromagnetic radiation have the ability to decay to lower energy levels by emitting radiation (emission) in the form of heat or light. The shift from higher to lower energy levels is known as non-radiative decay if no radiation is released. When light interacts with matter, it is redirected, a process known as scattering. Energy may transfer during scattering, therefore the scattered radiation may or may not have a slightly different wavelength than the light that was incident on the sample[1], [2].

Magnetic Fields and Radiation

An oscillating magnetic field component, M, and an oscillating electric field component, E, make up the transverse energy wave known as electromagnetic radiation. The directions of the electric and magnetic fields are orthogonal to one another and to the wave's path of propagation The describes a wave as the physical length of an oscillation's full cycle is its wavelength, and its frequency, or the number of oscillations per second, is its frequency. We categorise electromagnetic radiation into many spectral areas for ease of discussion. Even while the radiation in each of these areas still consists of electromagnetic waves, their highly diverse intensities lead them to interact with matter in very distinct ways. For instance, the visible portion of the spectrum, which is both transmitted by the human eye's lens and absorbed by the retina's photoreceptors, is the only one that the human eye can perceive. Except for the fact that humans can directly see 400 nm photons, the nature of

electromagnetic radiation at 350 nm and 400 nm is identical. There are some ambiguous borders between some of the areas.

The Visible Spectrum

The electromagnetic spectrum's visible area spans from 400 to 750 nm. The eye's lens absorbs light at short wavelengths, while the retina's photoreceptors become less sensitive to light at longer wavelengths, which causes the long wavelength cutoff. If the light source is strong enough, light with wavelengths longer than 750 nm may be visible. The spectrophotometric and fluorometric approaches provide quick and effective ways to estimate biomolecules both qualitatively and quantitatively[3], [4].

Colorimetry

The interaction of light with coloured liquids is known as colorimetry. The colorimeter, which is the predecessor of the spectrophotometer, is the tool used for this. Some light wavelengths will be absorbed by a coloured solution when light travels through it. The absorbed wavelengths are influenced by the colour of the solution. A reddish solution will emit light that is red in colour if white light is allowed to pass through it. Except for the red colour, all other wavelengths are absorbed by the solution. If you use the complimentary colour of red, the concentration of the light-absorbing molecules (red-colored chemical) in the solution will be exactly proportional to the quantity of light absorbed by the solution. The substance may be chemically changed to generate a colour if it is not already coloured[5], [6].

Using coloured filters, which can only absorb a certain range of wavelengths, colorimetry chooses the colour or wavelength of the light. The filter's constrained range is referred to as its bandwidth. The Beer-Lambert Law governs the link between a solution's ability to absorb light and the concentration of molecules that can do so. This law is a synthesis of two different laws. The first rule links the absorbance (amount of light absorbed) with the concentration of the absorbing molecules, while the second law links the amount of light absorbed with the length of the light's route or the thickness of the absorbing medium. In these tests, the colour filter should be the test solution's complimentary colour.A tungsten light source, an appropriate colour filter, a cuvette (specially built clear light-insensitive tubes holding the sample), and a photosensitive detector to track transmitted light make up a colorimeter, the device used for colorimetry.

Law of Beer-Lambert

The linear connection between absorbance and concentration of an absorbing species is known as the Beer-Lambert Law (also known as Beer's Law). The route length or thickness of the absorbing medium, as well as the concentration of the absorbing species of the molecules in the solution, are directly proportional to the absorbance of a solution at a given wavelength.

Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy

Spectrophotometry is a method that is often used to estimate the quantity and quality of biomolecules such proteins, sugars, carbohydrates, amino acids, nucleic acids, vitamins, etc. This method uses a spectrophotometer as the instrument, which is likewise based on the Beer-Lambert law[7], [8].

DISCUSSION

An instrument called a spectrophotometer is used to quantify how much light a sample absorbs. The device measures the amount of light that reaches a detector after travelling through a sample using a light beam. The absorbance in the UV and visible portions of the spectrum is measured using a UV-visible spectrophotometer. This device is a more sophisticated kind of colorimeter since it can produce monochromatic light. The light will be divided into its individual colours by a prism or grating, which will then allow us to direct the monochromatic light of our choosing at the sample solution under investigation. A stream of photons makes up the light beam. There is a possibility that an analyte molecule will absorb a photon when it comes into contact with the analyte (the molecule being investigated). The amount of photons in the light beam decreases as a result of this absorption, which also lowers the intensity of the light beam.The whole visible spectrum may be measured and produced using a spectrophotometer. The light source is programmed to produce photons, and when the beam of light passes through the cell holding the sample solution, part of the photons are absorbed (removed) ('spectro'—complete range of continuous wavelength and 'photometer'—device for measuring the intensity of light'). The amount of light that reaches the detector has a lower intensity than the amount of light that the light source emits. Since the bandwidths of the filters in a colorimeter are so wide, monochromatic light cannot be produced. Therefore, it is challenging to analyse two substances with similar absorption patterns.

A UV-visible spectrophotometer, which can also generate the whole spectrum of UV light, may be used to study substances that can absorb ultraviolet light. There are two source lamps in a UV-visible spectrophotometer: one is a tungsten filament that produces wavelengths in the visible range, and the other is a hydrogen or deuterium lamp that produces wavelengths in the UV region.

Spectroscopy of Fluorescence (Fluorimetry)

The quantity of the material producing light in a sample may be determined by measuring the light that the emitting atoms or molecules emit. After being stimulated to high energy levels by electromagnetic radiation, atoms or molecules may decay to lower energy levels by producing radiation (emission or luminescence). This light emission is often referred to as atomic or optical emission for atoms excited by high-temperature energy sources, and atomic fluorescence for atoms stimulated by light. If a transition happens between electron states with the same spin and a molecule, it is referred to as fluorescence and as phosphorescence, respectively. When analytes are present in low quantities, the emission intensity of an emitting substance is directly proportional to their concentration and may be used to quantify the emitting species of molecule.

By linking with a fluorescent probe termed fluor, fluorescence spectroscopy may be utilised for the detection and assessment of non-fluorescence molecules as well. Extrinsic fluorescence is the name given to this kind of fluorescence. In the case of intrinsic fluorescence, the fluorescence phenomenon is present in the native substance. Fluorescent probes are now widely employed to mark biomolecules so that their presence may be determined using DNA and amino acid sequencing. Fluorescently labelled molecules may be detected and estimated with 1,000 times more sensitivity compared with traditional techniques like absorption spectroscopy. To identify amino acids, peptides, or proteins that have been separated by chromatography or electrophoresis, for instance, fluorescent substances like dansyl chloride or o-phthalaldehyde may be utilized [9], [10].

Crystallography using X-rays

A potent method for examining the three-dimensional structure of crystals, including macromolecules like proteins and nucleic acids, is X-ray crystallography. The method is sometimes referred to as the x-ray diffraction method. Numerous techniques may be used to research three-dimensional structure. But at the moment, x-ray crystallography is the most efficient of these methods. The other approaches undoubtedly complement crystallography and have a valuable position in the arsenal of instruments we use to investigate the structural makeup of molecules.

The most straightforward method for figuring out an object's form is to just look at it, if you think about it. You use a microscope if they are little. However, the smallest item that can be observed using a light microscope is limited. The "diffraction limit" states that objects substantially smaller than the wavelength of the light being used cannot be imaged. Atoms are spaced apart by lengths on the order of 0.1nm, or 1 nanometer, whereas the wavelength of visible light is measured in hundreds of nanometers. In terms of the electromagnetic spectrum, x-rays have the correct wavelength range to investigate and resolve the atomic arrangement in a molecule or crystal.

As mentioned above, electromagnetic radiation must have a wavelength that is equivalent to the smallest details you intend to resolve in order to be used to see things. We often employ x-rays produced when copper targets are struck by high-energy electrons that have been accelerated. These x-rays have a number of distinctive wavelengths, but the one we use for crystallographic investigations has a wavelength of 1.5418. It is suitable for the research of molecular structure since it is quite comparable to the separation between linked carbon atoms.

For x-ray crystallographic research, there are three fundamental prerequisites. They are the study crystal, the x-ray source, and the x-ray detector. An appropriately mounted protein crystal is exposed to a small beam of radiation of the right wavelength, which causes a diffraction pattern to appear on a photographic plate behind the crystal or is detected by a radiation counter. The electrons in each atom of the molecule distort the x-ray as it travels through the crystal. The amount of x-ray scattering depends on how many electrons are present in the atom. Carbon will scatter x-rays with an intensity that is six times higher than a hydrogen atom. Individual atoms' dispersed x-rays may either strengthen or cancel one another, creating the distinctive pattern for each kind of molecule. It is possible to identify the three-dimensional structure by comparing a number of patterns captured at various angles. Through a mathematical procedure known as the Fourier Transform, which is a computer-aided programed, the information included in the x-ray diffraction pattern is extracted and transformed into the picture of the three-dimensional structure. Despite using computers to help in the process, there are a lot of intricate mathematical computations.Finally, the product of a crystallographic experiment that we see is not truly an image of the atoms but rather a map of the distribution of electrons inside the molecule (i.e., an electron density map). The electron density map, however, offers us a very accurate representation of the molecule since the majority of the electrons are firmly localized around the nucleus. It would be impossible to detect X-ray scattering from a single molecule above the noise level, which would also include scattering from air and water. Huge numbers of molecules are arranged in a single orientation in a crystal such that dispersed waves may combine in phase and increase the signal to detectable levels. A crystal functions almost like an amplifier.

Spectrometry by mass

When using mass spectrometry, an object is exposed to an electron beam that is powerful enough to break apart molecules. The magnetic field is used to accelerate the positive fragments (cations and radical cations), which are then separated according to their mass-to-charge ratio in a vacuum. The value m/e is identical to the molecular weight of the fragment since the majority of the ions generated by the mass spectrometer have a unit positive charge. The reassembling of pieces in order to create the original molecule is a step in the processing of mass spectroscopy data provides a schematic illustration of a mass spectrometer. The ionisation chamber is kept at a very high vacuum, and only a very small amount of sample molecules are allowed in. There, they are subjected to a high-energy electron beam bombardment. The molecules break apart, and the resulting positive ions are driven through a charged array and into an analytical tube. An applied magnetic field causes the charged molecules' route to be altered. Low mass (low momentum) ions will be most strongly deflected by this field and will crash with the analyzer walls. Similar to low momentum ions, large momentum ions will not be deflected enough and will likewise strike the analyzer wall. However, ions with the right mass-to-charge ratio will travel down the analyzer's route, pass through the slit, and strike the collector. This causes an electrical current to be generated, which is subsequently detected and amplified. The constant variation of the mass-to-charge ratio that is being studied is made possible by changing the magnetic field's intensity. A plot of relative intensity vs mass-to-charge ratio (m/e) may be seen in the mass spectrometer's output. The base peak is the strongest peak in the spectrum, and all others are stated relative to it in terms of intensity. The actual peaks are often exceedingly sharp and are frequently only seen as vertical lines.

The chemical routes that lead to fragmentation are straightforward and predictable, and the ions that result will represent the most stable cations and radical cations that the molecule is capable of producing. The molecular ion (M+) is the largest molecular weight peak that is often seen in a spectrum and represents the parent molecule, minus one electron. Typically, owing to the natural isotopic abundance of 13C, 2H, and other molecules, minor peaks are also seen above the predicted molecular weight. The maximum molecular weight peak of alcohol occurs at m/e one less than the molecular ion (m-1), which is an example of how many molecules with very labile protons do not exhibit molecular ions. Although the mass-to-charge ratio may be used to identify fragments, it is often more useful to identify them by the lost mass. In other words, the loss of a methyl group will result in a peak at m-15, the loss of an ethyl group at m-29, etc.

For instance, displays the mass spectrum of toluene (methyl benzene). A prominent molecular ion is seen in the spectrum at m/e = 92, along with smaller peaks at m+1 and m+2, a base peak at m/e = 91, and a variety of minor peaks at m/e = 65 and below. Once again, the molecular ion indicates the loss of one electron, and the peaks above it are caused by isotopic abundance. To generate the comparatively stable benzyl cation, a hydrogen atom is lost in toluene, which results in the base peak. This prominent peak at m/e = 91 is a distinguishing feature of compounds containing a benzyl unit and is believed to undergo rearrangement to generate the relatively stable tropyliumcation. The lesser peaks below this one result from more intricate fragmentation. The minor peak at m/e = 65 shows loss of neutral acetylene from the tropylium ion.

Mass spectrometry was first exclusively used to identify and estimate the molecular weight of very tiny organic compounds. There was relatively little application in the case of

biomolecules. However, as a result of technical development, instruments have grown more advanced, and there are now a variety of applications for the study of proteins and nucleic acids. Depending on the method of ionisation, the ion sorting method, or the analysis and detection method, there are several kinds of mass spectrometry. For instance, tandem mass spectrometry, often known as MS-MS, is a device that combines two mass spectrometric systems in succession and is typically used to sequence amino acids. With MS-MS or MALDI-TOF MS (Matrix aided Laser Desorption Ionization-Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry), polypeptides with a length of 50 amino acids may be sequenced. Another kind of specialised mass spectrometry uses a laser to ionise the sample, and time of flight is used to sort the ions. This is another effective way for identifying bigger proteins by their molecular fingerprint and determining their molecular weight. The pattern of ionisation (MS spectrum) of a protein molecule, which is particularly exclusive to that molecule, is the molecular fingerprint. By contrasting the molecular fingerprint of the protein molecule with that of known samples, the protein molecule may be located. The most used ionisation technique for protein investigations is called electron spray ionisation, or ESI. When separation methods like capillary electrophoresis and chromatographic procedures are coupled with mass spectrometry, protein investigations become easier and quicker. In such systems, the purified or fractionated protein sample may be fed directly to the mass spectrometry ionisation chamber and identified or sequenced. The outflow of the chromatography column or capillary electrophoresis serves as the intake of the mass spectrometer. Multidimensional Protein Identification Technology, or MuD-PIT, is the name of this kind of instrumentation and protein identification.

Precipitation of salt

To separate proteins and enzymes from other macromolecules like carbohydrates and nucleic acids, a method as straightforward and popular as this one is utilised. The number of dissolved chemical species (such as salts 6M (NH4)2SO4)), the pH of the solution (a protein's minimum solubility is at the pI), the nature of the solvent, other dissolved compounds (such as urea), and the temperature all affect how soluble a protein is in an aqueous medium. A protein may "drop out" of solution when one or more of these conditions changes. This process is called denaturing. Under mild denaturing conditions, one may often restore approximate in vivo conditions (through dialysis) to bring the protein back to full biological function (also known as "the native conformation") in these cases. One of the gentlest ways to denature protein and precipitate it without harming the protein's viability is by salt precipitation. Salt disrupts the interaction of water molecules with protein molecules when it is introduced to the extract because it dissolves to produce ions that are hydrated by hydrogen bonding. This will reveal the protein's hydrophobic regions and cause interactions between protein molecules that are hydrophobic. Finally, this causes protein molecules to group together and precipitate. The proteins that salt precipitates are not irreversibly altered. They may easily be dissolved again in a buffer to reactivate the reaction. Either gel filtration or dialysis may be used to eliminate the protein's salt content.

Rainfall from an Organic Solvent

The precipitation of proteins and enzymes may also be accomplished using organic solvents like acetone. Another crucial chemical for precipitating proteins and other biomolecules is the organic polymer polyethylene glycol (PGE). PGE is a polymer, hence its molecular weight may vary. The kind employed to precipitate proteins molecularly has a molecular weight of 6,000 or 20,000. Precipitation varies from salt precipitation in very minor ways. The

dielectric constant of the solution is decreased in the presence of organic solvents, which increases the attraction between the oppositely charged amino acid residues on the surfaces of the protein molecules. This causes the protein to coagulate and form aggregates, which causes the precipitation. However, a number of additional variables, including temperature, the ionic strength of the solution, the organic solvent used, and other parameters, affect the process[11], [12].

CONCLUSION

To evaluate any background absorption, a cell containing just solvent was first put in the light beam. Next, the absorbing solution was added to the cell, and the solute absorbance was calculated from the difference between the two observations. This approach needed a very steady radiation source in order to minimise mistakes brought on by source instability. The majority of contemporary spectrophotometers run in double-beam mode. The source beam is divided into two halves here (using different techniques), one of which is sent through a reference cell containing solvent. Only one of them passes through a sample cell holding the absorber solution, while the other one does not. The absorbance is determined by an electronic comparison of the two beam intensities. A spectrophotometer may be used to scan the whole wavelength range, from the shortest UV wavelength to the longest visible wavelength, and give the compound's absorption spectra. The graphical depiction of absorptions versus their corresponding wavelength for a certain substance is called an absorption spectrum. The absorbing solution is placed in a container known as a cell or cuvette with optically flat sides held perpendicular to the radiation beam for the extremely common situation of absorption measurements.

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