

Organic Molecules Functional Groups

Amines: Weak Organic Bases
*Carbon Derivatives of
Ammonia*

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Small Organic Molecules Common Functional Groups

Name	General
Formula	

Alcohols	R-OH
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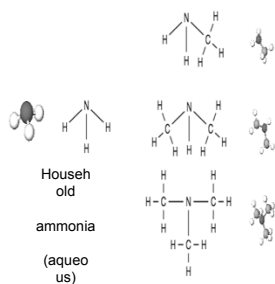
Ethers	R-O-
R'	

Amines	R
-NH ₂	

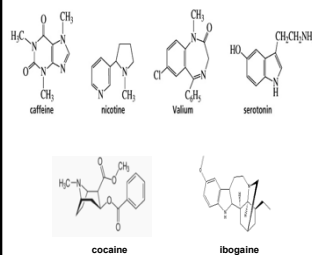
Carboxylic Acids	R-C(=O)OH
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Small Organic Molecules Ammonia & Amines



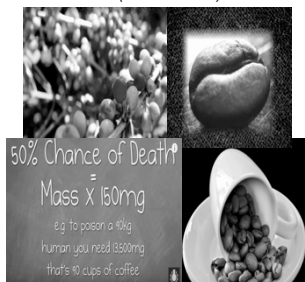
Alkaloids: Naturally Occurring Bases Nitrogen Heterocycles



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTVE5IPMKLg>

Coffee: The Greatest Addiction Ever

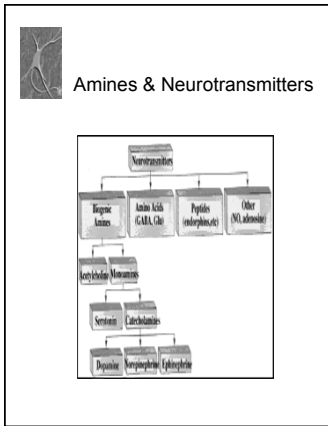
(A testimonial?)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuJOhpNS0IY>



<http://www.coca-cola.co.uk/stories/caffeine-counter>
Caffeine: a natural insecticide, LD₅₀ = 150 mg/kg



Neurotransmitters

Neurotransmitters are chemical messengers that carry signals between neurons. They are released from the end of an axon into the synaptic cleft, where they bind to receptors on the target cell, causing it to fire or not fire.

Excitatory vs. Inhibitory

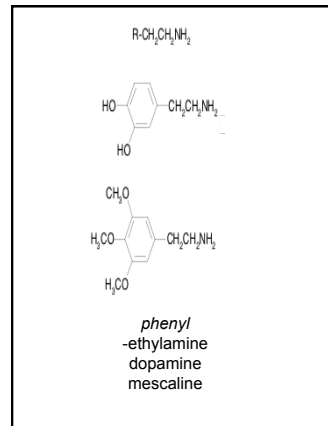
- Excitatory:** These neurotransmitters increase the likelihood that the target cell will fire. Examples include Glutamate and Dopamine.
- Inhibitory:** These neurotransmitters decrease the likelihood that the target cell will fire. Examples include GABA and Serotonin.

Key Examples:

- Glutamate:** The most common excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain.
- GABA:** The most common inhibitory neurotransmitter in the brain.
- Dopamine:** Involved in reward, motivation, and movement.
- Serotonin:** Involved in mood, appetite, and sleep.

ADENOSINE	CAFFEINE	Role in the Body
Adenosine		A neurotransmitter used by spinal cord neurons to control muscles and by many neurons in the brain to regulate memory. In most instances, adenosine is excitatory.
Dopamine		The neurotransmitter that produces feelings of pleasure when released by the brain reward system. Dopamine has multiple functions depending on where in the brain it acts. It is usually inhibitory.
GABA (gamma-aminobutyric acid)		The major inhibitory neurotransmitter in the brain.
Glutamate		The most common excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain.
Glycine		A neurotransmitter used mainly by neurons in the spinal cord. It probably always acts as an inhibitory neurotransmitter.
Norepinephrine		Norepinephrine acts as a neurotransmitter and a hormone. In the peripheral nervous system, it is part of the fight-or-flight response. In the brain, it acts as a neurotransmitter regulating several brain processes. Norepinephrine is usually excitatory, but is inhibitory in a few brain areas.
Serotonin		A neurotransmitter involved in many functions including mood, appetite, and sensory perception. In the spinal cord, serotonin is inhibitory in pain pathways.

<http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/addiction/reward/pathways.html>



F.D.A. Agrees to New Trials for Ecstasy as Relief for PTSD Patients (Nov. 2016)

Epinephrine (adrenaline)

CC(N)C(O)Cc1ccc(O)cc1

Ecstasy (mdma)

CC(N)Cc1ccc2c(c1)OCO2

Chemical Structures:

CN1CCC23C4C1CC5=C3C(=C(C=C5)OC4C)C2

morphine

CC(=O)OC1C=CC2C3CC4=C5C2(C1OC5C(=O)CC4)CCN3C

heroin

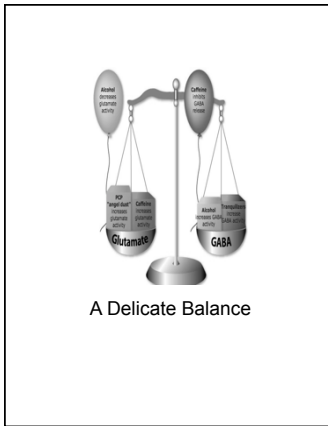
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Lysergic acid

CC1=C(C=C2C(=C(C=C1)C(=O)O)C=C2)C3=CC=CC=C3

LSD

CC1=C(C=C2C(=C(C=C1)C(=O)O)C=C2)C3=CC=CC=C3



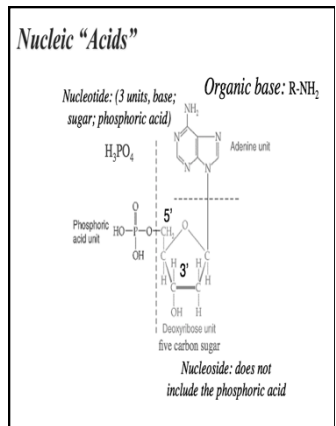
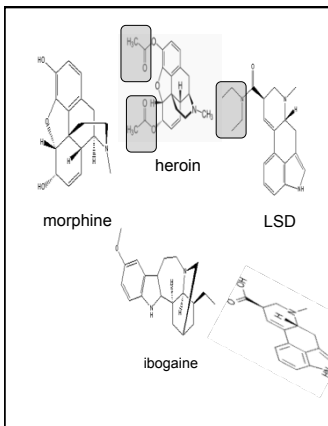
Drug Uptake:
Rank from slowest to fastest.
a) injection; b) ingestion; c) inhalation; d) snorting

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http://www.120131.rutgers.edu/~7Ewh/drugs/
http://web.indstate.edu/home/making/nerves.htm#table
http://www.sfn.org/briefings/addiction.html
http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/lamp.html



Genetic Bases in DNA & RNA

- DNA and RNA have different sugars (deoxyribose vs. ribose).
- There are only five bases found in DNA and RNA:
 - adenine (A),
 - guanine (G),
 - cytosine (C),
 - thymine (T found in DNA only), and
 - uracil (U found in RNA only).

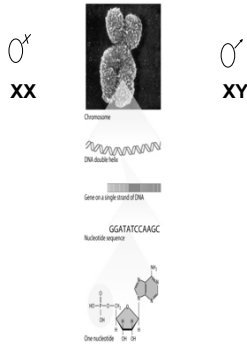
DNA & RNA: Nucleic Acids

- Store & carry genetic information.



- DNA (deoxyribonucleic acids) have molecular weights $\sim 6 \times 10^6$ to 16×10^6 daltons (amu) and are found inside the nucleus of the cell.
- RNA (ribonucleic acids) have molecular weights $\sim 20,000$ to $40,000$ amu and are found in the cytoplasm outside the nucleus of the cell.

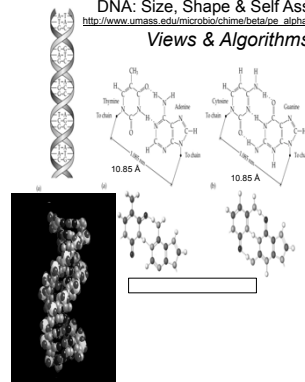
Genetics & DNA



DNA: Size, Shape & Self Assembly

http://www.umass.edu/microbio/chime/beta/pe_alpha/alpha/

Views & Algorithms

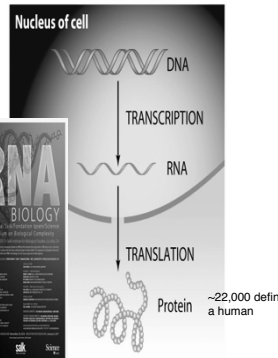


Protein Biosynthesis

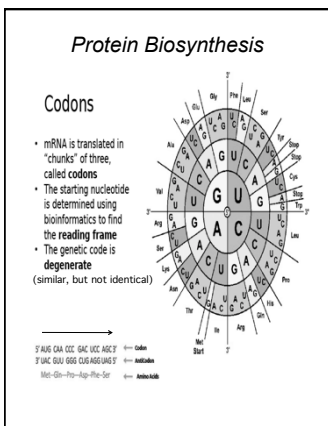
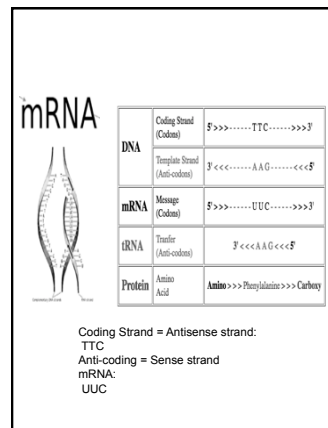
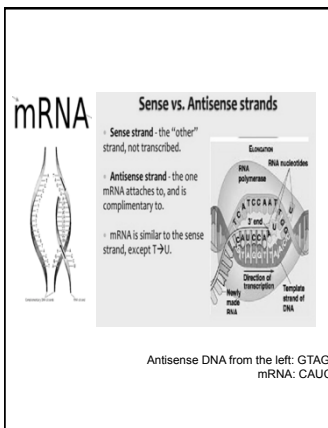
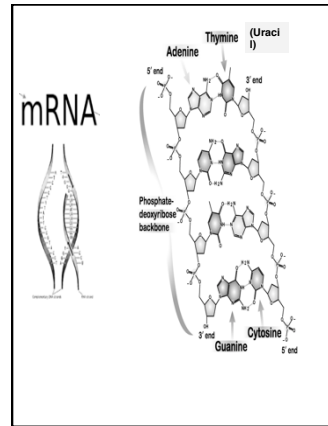
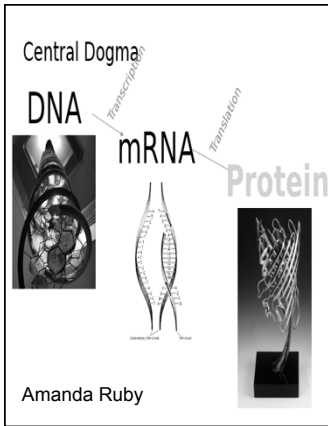


<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/PROTEIN1.MOV>

<https://www.dnalc.org/resources/3d/09-how-much-dna-codes-for-protein.html>



~22,000 define a human



Protein Biosynthesis Codon Chart

		Second Letter			
		U	C	A	G
1st Letter	U	UUU Phe UUC Leu UUA Leu UUG Leu	UCU Ser UCC Ser UCA Ser UCG Ser	UAU Tyr UAC Tyr UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU Cys UGC Cys UGA Stop UGG Trp
	C	CUU Leu CUC Leu CUA Leu CUG Leu	CCU Pro CCC Pro CCA Pro CCG Pro	CAU His CAC His CAA Gln CAG Gln	CGU Arg CGC Arg CGA Arg CGG Arg
	A	AUU Ile AUC Ile AUA Ile AUG Met	ACU Thr ACC Thr ACA Thr ACG Thr	AUU Ile AUA Ile AUA Ile AUG Met	AGU Ser AGC Ser AGA Ser AGG Ser
	G	GUU Val GUC Val GUA Val GUG Val	GGU Gly GGC Gly GGA Gly GGG Gly	GAU Asp GAC Asp GAA Glu GAG Glu	GGU Gly GGC Gly GGA Gly GGG Gly

Central Dogma

DNA → RNA → Protein

Several nucleic acids linked together form DNA

Three nucleic acids in a row form a codon, which codes for different amino acids

Several consecutive codons form genes

~22,000 defined a human

DNA: Genetics & Genomics Timelines

1865

Gregor Mendel (1822-1884)

<https://www2.edc.org/web/labs/Mendel/MendelMenu.html>

1953

DNA: Molecular Discoveries

X-Ray Crystal Structure

β-DNA: Rosalind Franklin

12 base sequence

http://molvis.sdsc.edu/pdb/dna_b_form.pdb

1953

DNA: Molecular Discoveries

James Watson and Francis Crick

Double Helix Structure of DNA

1975

Restriction Enzymes / Recombinant DNA

Berg, Boyer, Cohen, and many others

<http://nar.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/10/18/nar.gkt990.full>

Diagram illustrating the process of creating recombinant DNA:

- Start with a plasmid (circular DNA).
- Use restriction enzymes to cut the plasmid and insert DNA.
- Insert DNA fragments into the plasmid.
- Seal the plasmid with DNA ligase.
- Transform bacteria with the recombinant plasmid.
- Select and grow the transformed bacteria.

1989

PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1993

Diagram illustrating the PCR process:

- Original double-stranded DNA.
- Denaturation: Heat to separate the strands.
- Annealing: Bind primers to the single strands.
- Extension: Synthesize new DNA strands.
- Repeat the cycle to amplify the DNA.

<https://www.dnalc.org/resources/3d/19-polymerase-chain-reaction.html>

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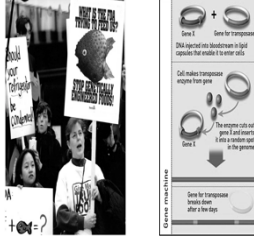
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<http://www.genome.gov/25019879>
<http://unlockinglifescode.org/timeline?tid=4>

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Transgenic Crops Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

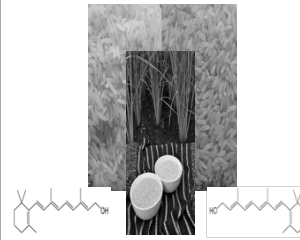


<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/Global/international/publications/agriculture/2013/4/58%20-%20Golden%20Illusion-GE-goldenrice.pdf>

<http://www.i-sis.org.uk/rice.php>

Golden Rice

<http://www.goldenrice.org/>



Hunan Study 2008

WITHDRAWN July 2015

<http://news.sciencemag.org/asiapacific/2013/09/golden-rice-not-so-golden-tube>

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β-Carotene in Golden Rice is as good as β-carotene in oil at providing vitamin A to children^{1,2,3,4}

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For lack of evidence that
all human participants
provided full consent

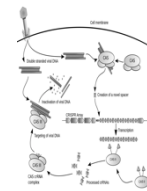
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by Massachusetts Court
(August 3, 2015)

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Genome Editing / CRISPR-Cas9

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuAxDVb7kQ>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pp17E4E-08>

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Genome Editing / CRISPR-Cas9 Target β-Thalassemia: Shortage of β-globin Protein



Normal β-globin

<https://www.dnalc.org/resources/3d/17-sickle-cell.html>

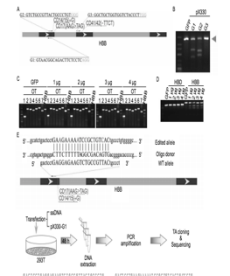
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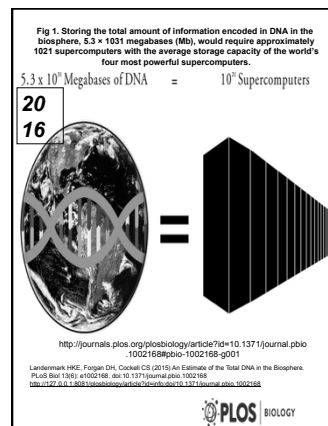
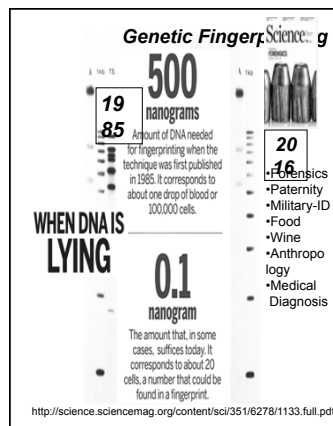
Genome Editing / CRISPR-Cas9 β-Thalassemia / Human Embryo Research

<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem121/Gene%20Editing/Gene%20Editing%202015-0153.pdf>

CRISPR/Cas9-mediated gene editing in human embryonic stem cells

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Table 1. The total DNA content in the biosphere

	DNA amount (Mb)
Prokaryotes	$1.6 (1.1) \times 10^{31}$
Unicellular eukaryotes	$1.3 (0.9) \times 10^{28}$
Fungi	$1.7 (0.4) \times 10^{27}$
Animals	$4.2 (1.5) \times 10^{26}$
Plants	$3.6 (0.4) \times 10^{27}$
Viruses	$4.0 (0.4) \times 10^{28}$
Total	$5.3 (0.6) \times 10^{31}$

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Landmark HKE, Forgan DH, Cockell CS (2015) An Estimate of the Total DNA in the Biosphere. *PLoS Biol* 13(5): e1002168. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1002168
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