

Preface to the First Edition

It has been the aim in preparing this work to collect together all the available complete protein and peptide amino acid sequence information, so that it may be put into a form that is readily to hand. Initially this was intended to be a personal collection, which I intended to use as a convenient source for comparing and detecting proteins with related sequences. Subsequently it was suggested to me that this collection could quickly be reproduced, and if made available in loose-leaf format, might be of assistance to other workers with similar aims. I hope that this expectation will be fulfilled.

Although the title of 'protein sequence' is used, it is applied in a very general sense as to include what normally would be called peptides. The peptides that have been included, are related to proteins either by their mode of biosynthesis or are directly derived from proteins. This collection does not therefore contain for example, those peptides of a cyclic nature or those containing D-amino acids.

In a work such as this great care has been taken to avoid errors; if there are any that have been missed I would be very grateful to be informed, so that they may be corrected. I would also be pleased to be informed about important omissions that I have made. These will be incorporated into the annual supplements that are hoped to be prepared.

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