

Seminar

Biomolecular NMR studies on G57W mutant of human γ S-crystallin and its role in dominant congenital cataract

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A recently identified mutant of human γ S-crystallin, G57W, causes infantile cataract. However, the mechanism of this cataract remains largely not understood. To unravel the structural basis for γ S-G57W causing cataract, I set out to characterize it employing solution NMR spectroscopy. In this endeavour, my studies include biophysical investigations [1], resonance assignments [2], high-resolution 3D structure [3], conformational dynamics [4], H/D exchange kinetics [5] and temperature-dependent NMR studies [6] on both the mutant and its wild-type. Exploring the role of inter-domain interface on stability, I further performed structural studies on their individual domains using NMR [7]. In this talk, I will discuss the outcome of my studies with clues to understand the mechanism of cataract.

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